THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO TAROT CARD MEANINGS

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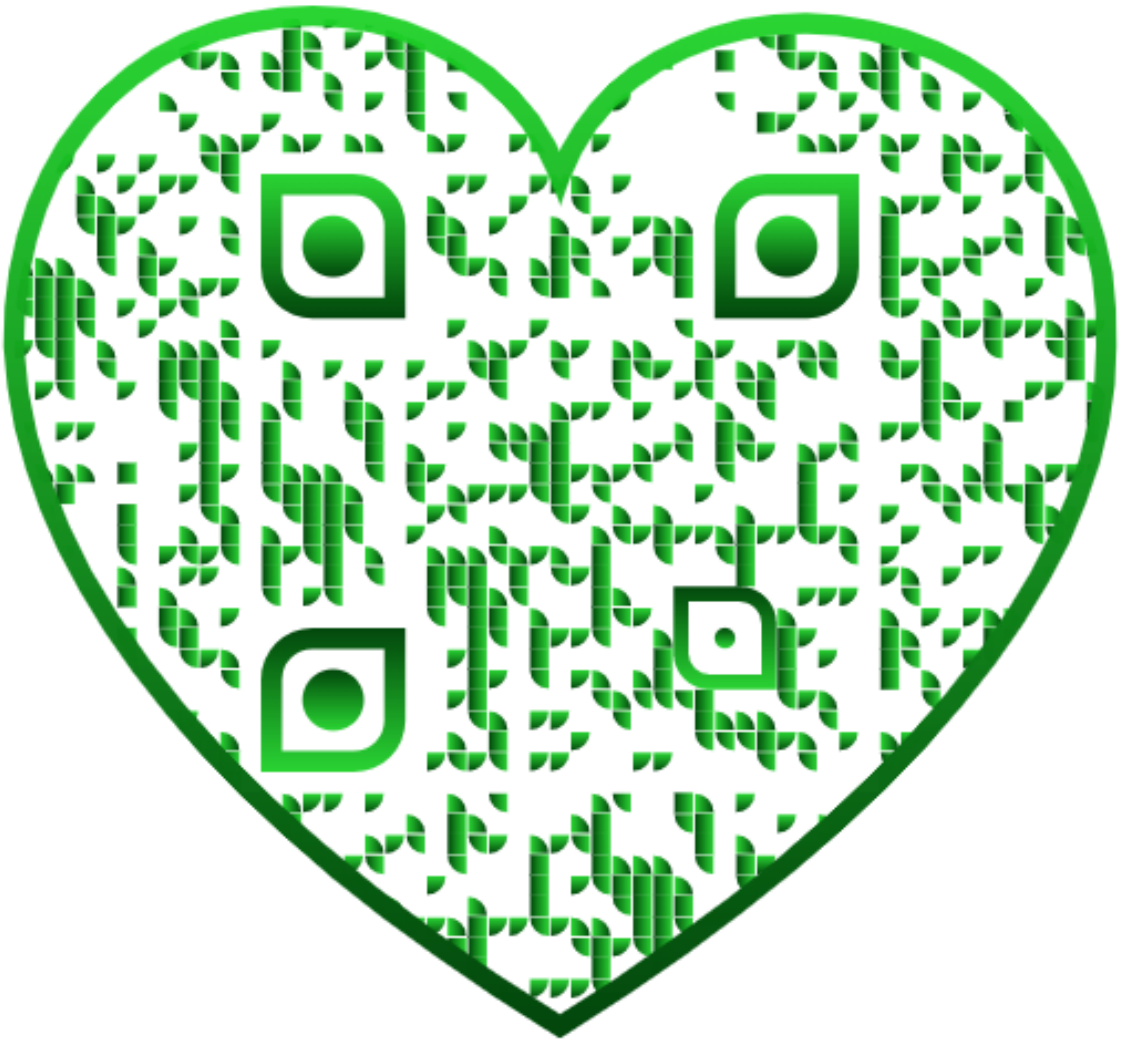

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YOU + TAROT CARDS = INNER WISDOM AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Hi, I'm Brigit, Founder of Biddy Tarot (www.biddytarot.com) and best-selling author of Everyday Tarot: Unlock your Inner Wisdom and Manifest Your Future. I'm here to help you tap into your intuition, trust your inner power, and draw the Divine into your everyday life, using Tarot as a guide.

I've been reading Tarot for more than 20 years, and I've helped millions of people all around the world create a personal and intuitive connection with the Tarot cards, through my courses, books and online community.

I'm on a mission to bring Tarot into the mainstream as a modern, intuitive tool for purpose-driven people who are ready to live life at their fullest potential.

Many people think of Tarot as a party trick, a bit of frivolous fun to peer into the future.

But I see things differently.

Tarot isn't about predicting your future. It's about creating your future, by accessing your inner guidance system and taking inspired action to manifest your goals.

TAROT IS THE MIRROR OF YOUR SOUL. AND EVERY CARD IS AN INVITATION TO GO DEEP WITHIN AND CONNECT YOUR DAILY LIFE WITH YOUR DIVINE PURPOSE.

Think you're not 'psychic' enough to read Tarot? Think again.

Intuition is available to everyone – including YOU.

All you need to do is say YES. It's that simple.

And through the practice of reading Tarot, you'll deepen your connection with your intuition, which means more clarity, more purpose, and more joy in your life.

That's why I created The Ultimate Guide to Tarot Card Meanings—to help you connect deeply

and intimately with the Tarot cards and to live a more intuitive life using Tarot as your guide.

In this book, I'll walk you through the meanings of each and every Tarot card for all types of Tarot readings and life situations. Never go blank in a reading again!

Warm Wishes

P.S. Let's connect! Come on over to **www.biddytarot.com** where I have LOADS of (free) Tarot goodness for you. Sign up for a free class, listen to a podcast episode or download any of my free Tarot resources.

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HOW TO USE THE ULTIMATE GUIDE

Breathe a sweet sigh of relief – this book has everything you need to interpret the Tarot cards with ease.

The Tarot card meanings you will find inside these pages are the result of reading Tarot for over 10,000 clients worldwide and bringing the intuitive wisdom of the cards into my personal practice. And now I am sharing these meanings with you.

This book will help you connect intuitively and confidently with the Tarot cards, so that every time you pick your cards, your intuitive insights flow quickly and effortlessly.

With that in mind, here's how I recommend you use the Guide.

1.LEARN WHAT THE TAROT CARDS MEAN

If you are new to Tarot, then start by reading The Guide from cover to cover, learning about each Tarot card and what it means. Read the book in between Tarot readings to discover what the cards mean and how you might interpret them. You don't need to memorise the meanings (unless you've got a photographic memory), but I do encourage you to learn as much as possible about the core energy of each card. It will make reading Tarot so much easier.

And treat this Guide as your Tarot textbook and your go-to resource. Take notes. Highlight sections. Scribble in the page margins. (Or get a copy of The Tarot Card Meanings Workbook where you can record your own Tarot card meanings.) Seriously, you have my permission to get messy and personal with the cards!

2. USE THE GUIDE (AND YOUR INTUITION) DURING YOUR READINGS

The Guide has been designed to make reading Tarot a breeze. When you are doing your next Tarot reading, have The Guide on hand so that if you go blank or you need a little extra help, you can quickly look up a card and explore what it might mean for you in your reading.

However, if you aspire to be an intuitive Tarot reader, promise me this... Ask your Higher Self what the card means for you before looking it up in this book. Even if your mind initially goes blank, take a moment to connect intuitively with the card and notice what you see, feel or hear. What stands out to you? You might notice a particular object or person in the illustration. How does the imagery feel to you? You might get a certain feeling or energy from the card. Or you might relate to the story that's being told in its details. That energy

or emotion is your intuition talking to you! It's where the magic truly begins to happen, and your Tarot readings start to offer you deep and personal insight.

3. IT'S OK TO INTERPRET THE CARDS IN YOUR OWN SPECIAL WAY

Many Tarot beginners worry that they are misinterpreting a Tarot card if it's different from what they read in a book like this one. But here's what I want you to know – it's OK if you can't find your interpretation of a card in a Tarot book. In fact, it's fantastic because it means that your intuition is kicking into gear and you are creating a personal connection with the Tarot cards.

The intention of The Guide is just that—to be a guide (and not gospel). It's not the 'be all and end all' of Tarot card meanings. What's more important is that you're connecting with your intuition and manifesting your dreams with Tarot by your side.

4. YOU'RE NOT LIMITED TO JUST THE RIDER-WAITE DECK

While The Ultimate Guide to Tarot Card Meanings refers to the Radiant Rider-Waite deck, you can use this guide with other Tarot decks too.

Usually, the core energy of the Tarot card is the same across different decks—it's just the imagery and symbolism that can differ. It's like telling the same story, just using different words.

Choose a Tarot deck that you most resonate with and then use the guide to interpret the core energy of those cards.

With that in mind, let's get into the meanings of the 78 Tarot cards, shall we?!

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT TAROT?

If you feel called to learn more about how to read Tarot with confidence and ease, then check out my courses and programs at www.biddytarot.com/courses.

THE MAJOR ARCANA

The Major Arcana Tarot cards represent the life lessons, karmic influences and the big archetypal themes that are influencing your life and your soul's journey to enlightenment. The Major Arcana card meanings are deep and complex – in beautiful ways! These Tarot cards truly represent the structure of human consciousness and hold the keys to life lessons passed down through the ages.

Also known as the Trump Cards, the Major Arcana cards include 21 numbered cards and 1 unnumbered card (the Fool). The Fool is the main character of the Major Arcana and makes his journey through each of the cards, meeting new teachers and learning new life lessons along the way, and eventually reaching the completion of his journey with the World card. This is known as the Fool's Journey and is a helpful way of understanding the story line of the Major Arcana Tarot card meanings.

When you see a Major Arcana card in a Tarot reading, you are being called to reflect on the life lessons and themes you may be currently experiencing. A Major Arcana card will often set the scene for the entire Tarot reading, with the other cards relating back to that core Major Arcana meaning.

When a Tarot reading is predominantly made up of Major Arcana cards, you are experiencing life-changing events that will have long-term effects. There are important lessons that you must pay attention to in order to progress further in your spiritual and personal quest.

If many of the Major Arcana Tarot cards are reversed, however, it may be a sign that you are not paying enough attention to these important life lessons and you need to first master the lesson before being able to move forward.

QUICK KEYWORDS CHART: MAJOR ARCANA

THE FOOL

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Beginnings	Holding back
Innocence	Recklessness
Spontaneity	Risk-taking
A free spirit	

THE MAGICIAN

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Manifestation	Manipulation
Resourcefulness	Poor planning
Power	Untapped talents
Inspired action	

THE HIGH PRIESTESS

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Intuition	Secrets
Sacred knowledge	Disconnected from intuition
Divine feminine	Withdrawal and silence
The subconscious mind	

THE EMPRESS

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Femininity	Creative block
Beauty	Dependence on others.
Nature	
Nurturing	
Abundance	

THE EMPEROR

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Authority	Domination
Establishment	Excessive control
Structure	Lack of discipline
A father figure	Inflexibility

THE HIEROPHANT

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Spiritual wisdom	Personal beliefs
Religious beliefs	Freedom
Conformity	Challenging the status quo
Tradition	
Institutions	

THE LOVERS

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Love	Self-love
Harmony	Disharmony
Relationships	Imbalance
Values alignment	Misalignment of values
Choices	

THE CHARIOT

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Control	Self-discipline
Willpower	Opposition
Success	Lack of direction
Action	
Determination	

STRENGTH

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Strength	Inner strength
Courage	Self-doubt
Persuasion	Low energy
Influence	Raw emotion
Compassion	

THE HERMIT

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Soul-searching	Isolation
Introspection	Loneliness
Being alone	Withdrawal
Inner guidance	

WHEEL OF FORTUNE

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Good luck	Bad luck
Karma	Resistance to change
Life cycles	Breaking cycles
Destiny	
A turning point	

JUSTICE

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Justice	Unfairness
Fairness	Lack of accountability
Truth	Dishonesty
Cause and effect	
Law	

QUICK KEYWORDS CHART: MAJOR ARCANA

THE HANGED MAN

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Pause	Delays
Surrender	Resistance
Letting go	Stalling
New perspectives	Indecision

DEATH

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Endings	Resistance to change
Change	Personal transformation
Transformation	Inner purging
Transition.	

TEMPERANCE

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Balance	Imbalance
Moderation	Excess
Patience	Self-healing
Purpose	Re-alignment

DEVIL

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Shadow self	Releasing limiting beliefs
Attachment	Exploring dark thoughts
Addiction	Detachment
Restriction	
sexuality	

THE TOWER

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Sudden change	Personal transformation
Upheaval	Fear of change
Chaos	Averting disaster
Revelation	
Awakening	

THE STAR

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Hope	Lack of faith
Faith	Despair
Purpose	Self-trust
Renewal	Disconnection
Spirituality	

THE MOON

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Illusion	Release of fear
Fear	Repressed emotion
Anxiety	Inner confusion
Subconscious	
Intuition	

THE SUN

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Positivity	Inner child
Fun	Feeling down
Warmth	Overly optimistic
Success	
Vitality	

JUDGEMENT

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Judgement	Self-doubt
Rebirth	Inner critic
Inner calling	Ignoring the call
Absolution	

THE WORLD

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Completion	Seeking personal closure
Integration	Short-cuts
Accomplishment	Delays
Travel	

0. THE FOOL

KEYWORDS

Upright: Beginnings, innocence, spontaneity, a free spirit.

Reversed: Holding back, recklessness, risk-taking.

QUOTES

"There are two mistakes one can make along the road to truth…not going all the way, and not starting." – Buddha

"A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step." – Lao Tzu

"The knack of flying is learning how to throw yourself at the ground and miss." – Douglas Adams (Author of **The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy**.)

DESCRIPTION

The Fool is numbered 0 – the number of unlimited potential – and so does not have a specific place in the sequence of the Tarot cards. The Fool can be placed either at the beginning of the Major Arcana or at the end. The Major Arcana is often considered the Fool's journey through life and as such, he is ever present and therefore needs no number.

On the Fool Tarot card, a young man stands on the edge of a cliff, without a care in the world, as he sets out on a new adventure. He is gazing upwards toward the sky (and the Universe) and is seemingly unaware that he is about to skip off a precipice into the unknown. Over his shoulder rests a modest knapsack containing everything he needs – which isn't much (let's say he's a minimalist). The white rose in his left hand represents his purity and innocence. And at his feet is a small white dog, representing loyalty and protection, that encourages him to charge forward and learn the lessons he came to learn. The mountains behind the Fool symbolise the challenges yet to come. They are forever present, but the Fool doesn't care about them right now; he's more focused on starting his expedition.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Fool is a card of new beginnings, opportunity and potential. Just like the young man, you are at the outset of your journey, standing at the cliff's edge, and about to take your first step into the unknown. Even though you don't know exactly where you are going, you are being called to commit yourself and follow your heart, no matter how crazy this leap of faith might seem to you. Now is a time when you need to trust where the Universe is taking you.

As you undertake this new journey, the Fool encourages you to have an open, curious mind and a sense of excitement. Throw caution to the wind and be ready to embrace the unknown, leaving behind any fear, worry or anxiety about what may or may not happen. This is about new experiences, personal growth, development, and adventure.

The time is NOW! Take that leap of faith, even if you do not feel 100% ready or equipped for what is coming (who knows what it could be?!). Seriously, what are you waiting for? Do you think you need to have everything mapped out before you can begin? No way! Not with the Fool. He ventures out on his journey with just his essential belongings – and now he invites you to do the same. You don't need to wait for someone to give you the green light or hold off until you have all the skills, tools and resources you think you might need. You are ready! If you've been watching for a sign, this is it!

This is a time of great potential and opportunity for you right now. The world is your oyster, and anything can happen. Use your creative mind with a dash of spontaneity to make the most of this magical time and bring forth your new ideas in powerful ways.

The Fool is your invitation to relax, play, and have fun. Treat life like one big experiment and feel yourself in the flow of whatever comes your way. This card asks you to embrace your beautiful, carefree spirit, allowing yourself to connect to the energy that surrounds you and flows through you. Tap into your fullest potential by stepping into a place of wonderment, curiosity and intrigue. Live life as though you were a child once again. Laugh more, dance, and let your heart go free.

This is an excellent card to meditate on if you are struggling with dread, worry or self-doubt in your life. The Fool is your guide, as someone who is daring and carefree. He is the embodiment of who you really are – your free spirit, your inner child, and your playful soul. Any time you experience fear, remember the essence of the Fool as he encourages you to acknowledge that fear and do it anyway! You never know what the future holds, but like the Fool, you must step into the unknown, trusting that the Universe will catch you and escort you along the way. Take a chance and see what happens.

Career, Work and Finances

In the spirit of fresh beginnings, the Fool can often suggest the start of a new career path or a new job. This is likely to be an area where you have limited experience, but you are eager to learn. It might be an internship, a new industry, or a complete career change.

The Fool can also represent an entrepreneurial spirit. New ideas and possibilities inspire you to begin an enterprise or business. You may consider leaving your current job to pursue your dreams of starting a company or embarking on a new career journey. A word of caution, however: you may be susceptible to 'get rich quick' schemes that leave you high and dry, so do your research before investing.

Personality Types

The Fool's personality is carefree, curious, adventurous, unconventional, fun and playful. He is a risk-taker and is exciting to be around, even if a little unpredictable. He will open your eyes to a whole new world filled with possibilities you could never have imagined. His lust for life is undeniable, accompanied by a hunger for knowledge and a passion for ideas. Together you will discover your sprightly side as this person loves to have fun and wants to make you laugh.

The Fool can represent someone who is naive, gullible, and even child-like in their way of thinking. He is a dreamer, one who lives in their own happy world and may be oblivious to the tougher realities of life.

Relationships and Love

The Fool often signifies the early stages of a new relationship when you are getting to know each other and being more vulnerable with each other. You may be afraid to let go and explore the possibilities together, but this tension and fear urge you forward and entice you to find out where the relationship is heading.

Alternatively, you may not be ready for a commitment just yet, even though others are asking it of you. Maybe you feel more attracted to the single lifestyle, where you can come and go as you please and explore multiple relationships at the same time. You are seeking fun and spontaneity rather than something more serious.

If you are in a relationship, you may desire to step out on your own and date other people. You may be on the verge of wanting to start your journey but just do not know how to make it happen. Or, you may just want to introduce more fun and playfulness into your existing relationship.

Spirituality

In spiritual readings, the Fool is a sign that you are learning to trust the Universe and listen to your intuition as you take this leap of faith. You are in flow with the Universal energies and engaged in a dance with life itself. The more you let go and surrender to the 'now', the more potential you allow into your path. It is as if you are experiencing life for the first time, as you are intensely present and opening yourself up to the wonders of the world around you.

You may also be open to exploring many metaphysical belief systems in the quest to find what resonates with you. While friends and family may not understand your spiritual journey, you feel compelled to deepen your knowledge and explore new philosophies.

Well-being and Health

As a risk-taker, the Fool can imply that you are more accident-prone than most, so be careful about engaging in high-risk activities and make a plan before taking that big leap.

If you've been having health issues, the Fool can be a signal that your health and well-being is going in a positive direction. Perhaps you're trying a new treatment, or you've gained a fresh perspective that will support your health.

Journaling Prompts

- What might happen if I were to trust in the Universe and take that first step?
- How can I add more playfulness and spontaneity into my life?
- What new beginnings are available to me right now?
- What is my pure, untapped potential?

Suggested Card Combinations

Fool + Star – Blind faith (in a positive sense) and a belief in new possibilities, transformation, and change.

Fool + Judgement – Rebirth, the dawning of a new possibility or personal transformation.

Fool + World – One journey is ending, while a new one is about to begin.

Fool + Two of Swords – Reluctance to take the first step or a calculated risk.

Fool + Three of Wands – Expanding horizons and entering new territories. Potential for travel.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The Fool reversed suggests that you have conceived of a new project but aren't ready to 'birth' it into the world just yet. You may worry that you are not fit or that you don't have all the tools, skills and resources you need to make this project a success. Or perhaps you have a sense that the timing isn't right. Something is holding you back, and you are preventing yourself from moving forward. You may choose to keep this new opportunity to yourself for now, or you might be 'parking' it until a better time.

You may fear the unknown, wondering, 'What am I getting myself into?' As a result, you have come to a standstill, worried about taking any action where you don't know the outcome. This often boils down to the need to control everything. Balance this out with knowing that the Universe has your back and you can take this step forward, even if you are unsure of exactly what will happen next.

On the flip side, the reversed Fool can show that you are taking too many risks and acting recklessly. In your attempt to live 'in the moment' and be spontaneous and adventurous, you may do so in total disregard of the consequences of your actions and engaging in activities that put both yourself and others at risk. Look at the bigger picture and consider how you can keep the free spirit of the Fool without harming others.

In light of the playful and fun energy of the upright Fool, the reversal suggests you are exploring this spirit on a more personal and quiet level. For example, instead of letting down your hair and dancing up on stage, you are dancing in your bedroom like no-one is watching. Look at how you can bring more play into your daily life, even if you start out by doing it in private.

Suggested Card Combinations

Fool reversed + Devil – Short-term thinking for personal gain but a longer-term detriment.

Fool reversed + Six of Cups reversed – Naive and immature; reverting to child-like behaviour.

Fool reversed + Page of Cups reversed – Naive yet hopeful that a negative situation may turn positive once again. You might end up disappointed.

I. THE MAGICIAN

KEYWORDS

Upright: Manifestation, resourcefulness, power, inspired action.

Reversed: Manipulation, poor planning, untapped talents.

QUOTES

"Only one who devotes himself to a cause with his whole strength and soul can be a true master. For this reason mastery demands all of a person." – Albert Einstein

"Spiritual love is a position of standing with one hand extended into the universe and one hand extended into the world, letting ourselves be a conduit for passing energy." - Christina Baldwin (Author and seminar presenter)

DESCRIPTION

The Magician card is numbered One – the number of new beginnings and opportunities – and associates with the planet of Mercury. He stands with one arm stretched upwards towards the Universe, and the other pointing down to the earth. His positioning represents his connection between the spiritual realms and the material realms. The Magician uses this relationship to create and manifest his goals in the physical realm. He is the conduit that converts energy into matter. The Magician's robe is white, symbolising purity, and his cloak is red, representing worldly experience and knowledge.

On the table in front of him are the four symbols of the Tarot suits – a cup, pentacle, sword and wand – each symbolising one of the four elements – water, earth, air and fire. It is also a sign that he has all the tools (and elements) he needs to manifest his intentions into being. Above his head is the infinity symbol, and around his waist is a snake biting its own tail – both of which signal that he has access to unlimited potential. And in the foreground is an array of foliage and flowers, symbolising the blossoming and fruition of his ideas and aspirations.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

As a master manifestor, the Magician brings you the tools, resources and energy you need to make your dreams come true. Seriously, everything you need right now is at your fingertips. You have the spiritual (fire), physical (earth), mental (air) and emotional (water) resources to manifest your desires. And when you combine them with the energy of the spiritual and earthly realms, you will become a manifestation powerhouse! The key is to bring these tools together synergistically so that the impact of what you create is greater than the separate parts. This is alchemy at its best!

Now is the perfect time to move forward on an idea that you recently conceived. The seed of potential has sprouted, and you are being called to take action and bring your intention to fruition. The skills, knowledge and capabilities you have gathered along your life path have led you to where you are now, and whether or not you know it, you are ready to turn your ideas into reality.

In your quest to manifest your goals, you must establish a clear vision of what you will create (and why) before you act. It is not enough to be motivated by ego (money, status, or fame) – you need to have a soul connection to your goals and intentions. You are a powerful, creative being, and this is your opportunity to bring your Higher Self in alignment with your day-to-day actions to create the future you want most.

When you are clear about your 'what' and your 'why', the Magician calls on you to take inspired action. You will need focused attention and intense concentration to bring your goals to fruition. Focus on the ONE thing that will move you towards your goal. Commitment to the task is essential, so drop any distractions that may draw your focus away from what you want to achieve. Be methodical in your planning to make sure that you stay on track and carry out your tasks.

Career, Work and Finances

In a career or work reading, the Magician shows that you are in your element and you are a top performer in your role. You are masterful at what you do, and you can draw upon all of your tools, resources, networks, and personal knowledge to get the job done.

This card also suggests that you are successfully applying your skills and you are feeling engaged and energised. Your current job is a perfect match for your talents.

The Magician shows financial competence and the opportunity to manifest more financial abundance by strategically employing your resources, perhaps through a side hustle or conservative investments.

Personality Types

The Magician's personality is masterful, resourceful, and strategic. When you want to make things happen, turn to the Magician. He knows how to use all the tools at his disposal to find creative solutions to challenging situations.

The Magician is a high-achiever and is typically very successful at what he puts his mind to. He increases his manifesting power when he is crystal clear about his 'why' and when he aligns his goals and actions with his Highest Good.

His personality may also be someone who has an affinity with Law of Attraction principles and is known for his manifestation super-powers. You know those people who can manifest all kinds of abundance? They are Magicians!

Relationships and Love

In a relationship reading, the Magician reflects that you are both focused on making the most of the relationship and improving it where necessary. You are both keen to apply your knowledge and skills from earlier relationships to your current one to make it work. You are also coming from a pragmatic way of thinking and will do whatever it takes to make the relationship a success.

If looking for love, the Magician advises you to look at all the tools and resources available to you right now to help you on your journey. For example, you may consider...Internet dating, drawing upon your network of friends or starting a new hobby to meet someone. This is about keeping an optimistic and can-do attitude in order to get what you want.

And if you are in an existing relationship, this is the perfect chance to share your goals and talk about why they are important to you. Together, you can manifest your dreams using your collective resources.

Spirituality

You may feel drawn to concepts such as the Law of Attraction and other manifestation mindsets. The Magician sees you connecting with Universal knowledge and power and applying them to your material world. You are keen to create a link between the spirit, the mind, and the body, in a balanced and harmonised way.

Well-being and Health

If you are experiencing health issues, you may be inclined to take an active and holistic approach to your well-being. You are also not going to just sit about, hoping things will get better. You are action-oriented, focused on reaching a solution and willing to try different treatments or specialists, so long as you resolve your issue.

Journaling Prompts

- What do I want to create? Why?
- What tools and resources are available to me now?
- What actions can I take to manifest my goals?

Suggested Card Combinations

Magician + Temperance – A strong desire to use your skills to help others and achieve a higher purpose.

Magician + Six of Pentacles – Skilled volunteering or setting up a new charity organisation.

Magician + Eight of Pentacles – Incredible focus and concentration, especially at work or in your studies.

Magician + Eight of Wands – Swift action leading to successful results

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

On one level, the reversed Magician shows you are exploring what you wish to manifest, but you are not taking action yet. You are uncertain if you have everything you need and may be unsure about how to make it happen. If you take care of what you intend to manifest, the Universe will work out the how. Stay attuned to your intuition and pay attention to opportunities as they arise. These are like little breadcrumbs that will take you closer to your goal.

If you are already acting on your goal, the reversed Magician can be a sign that you are struggling to see progress or success. Several factors may be at play. Perhaps you have an idea but don't know what action to take to manifest it. Perhaps you are not clear on your desired outcome so your efforts are misdirected or unfocused. Maybe you have lost touch with your 'why', or it wasn't compelling enough, and now you're lacking motivation in completing the goal. Or perhaps your end goal is out of alignment with your Highest Good and the Universe is sending you a big "Stop! Go Back!" sign.

At its worst, the reversed Magician signifies greed, manipulation and trickery. You may be masterful at manifesting, but if you are out of touch with your Higher Self, you may only do it for your personal gain and at the expense of others. Sometimes you may fall into this trap unintentionally. If your goals are not coming to fruition or something feels 'off', tune into that and asking yourself if you are working for the highest good or solely for your own benefit.

In a career reading, the Magician reversed shows that you have many skills, talents, and

capabilities, but your real potential is not being maximised. You may realise that you have so much more to give. Or perhaps you know you are great at something, but you have not allowed yourself the opportunity to nurture and explore this skill. What is impeding you from using these abilities? What needs to change for you to reach your fullest potential?

Suggested Card Combinations

Magician reversed + High Priestess reversed – Misuse of higher knowledge and power.

Magician reversed + Devil – Using your personal power to manipulate others.

Magician reversed + Seven of Swords – An untrustworthy person who is only out for personal gain.

Magician reversed + Eight of Swords – Trapped in a negative way of thinking and unable to progress forward.

II. THE HIGH PRIESTESS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Intuition, sacred knowledge, divine feminine, the subconscious mind.

Reversed: Secrets, disconnected from intuition, withdrawal and silence.

QUOTES

"All perceiving is also thinking, all reasoning is also intuition, all observation is also invention." – Rudolf Arnheim (psychologist)

"The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science." – Albert Einstein

DESCRIPTION

The High Priestess sits in front of a thin veil decorated with pomegranates. The veil represents the separate conscious and subconscious realms, the seen and the unseen, and serves to keep casual onlookers out. Only the initiated may enter. The pomegranates on the veil are a symbol of abundance, fertility and the divine feminine, and are sacred to Persephone who ate a pomegranate seed in the underworld and was forced to return every year.

On either side of the High Priestess stand two pillars, marking the entrance to this sacred, mystical temple (also associated with the Temple of Solomon). One pillar is black with the letter B (Boaz, meaning 'in his strength') and the other is white with the letter J (Jachin, meaning 'he will establish'). The black and white colours of the pillars symbolise duality – masculine and feminine, darkness and light – stating that knowledge and acceptance of duality are required to enter this sacred space.

The High Priestess wears a blue robe with a cross on her chest and a horned diadem (or crown), both a symbol of her divine knowledge and her status as a divine ruler. In her lap, she holds a scroll with the letter TORA, signifying the Greater Law (according to A. E. Waite).

It is partly covered, signifying that this sacred knowledge is both explicit and implicit, it will only be revealed when the student is ready to look beyond the material realm. The crescent moon at her feet symbolises her connection with the divine feminine, her intuition and subconscious mind, and the natural cycles of the moon.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

While the Magician is the guardian of the conscious mind and the tangible world, the High Priestess is the guardian of the subconscious mind and the teacher of sacred knowledge and hidden mysteries. Sitting at the threshold of the conscious and subconscious mind, the High Priestess has an innate ability to travel between these realms effortlessly. She teaches you that the world is not always as it seems and more profound influences are often at play. She ushers you through the thin veil of awareness, offering you a deep, intuitive understanding of the Universe and a heightened awareness of secret or hidden information.

The High Priestess signifies spiritual enlightenment, inner illumination, divine knowledge and wisdom. She shows up in your Tarot readings when the veil between you and the underworld is thin, and you have the opportunity to access the knowledge deep within your soul. Now is the time to be still so you can tune in to your intuition. The answers you are seeking will come from within, from your deepest truth and 'knowing'. Allow the High Priestess to become your guide as you venture deep into your subconscious mind and access this inner wisdom. Connect with your intuition and your Higher Self through meditation, visualisation, shamanic journeying, and being part of spiritual communities.

Your intuitive sense right now is providing you with useful information and is assisting you to become more in touch with your subconscious mind. Knowledge of how to fix these issues will not come through thinking and rationalising, but by tapping into and trusting your intuition, so allow yourself the time and space to meditate and attend to your inner voice. Look for areas in your life that may be out of balance or lacking 'flow' and ease.

Now is also a time of heightened intuitive ability and psychic insight. If you are developing these skills, the High Priestess offers you further encouragement to continue your journey and trust that you are on the right path. The more you listen to your intuition, the more it will flow.

Finally, the High Priestess is a signal that you are being called to embrace the Divine Feminine – your connection to your intuition, compassion, empathy, and inner wisdom. Regardless of your gender, it is vital for you to balance and integrate your masculine and feminine energies, and the presence of the High Priestess signals that your sacred feminine needs your attention right now. Feel, rather than think. Collaborate, rather than compete. Create, rather than destroy. Trust your Divine Feminine energy, even if the masculine energy

around you may appear to be stronger. Be proud of your ability to nurture, trust, sense, and empathise instead of hiding it away.

Career, Work and Finances

In a career reading, the High Priestess advises you to follow your gut instinct and your intuition. Sometimes we do not realise how much we know on an intuitive level, and while a professional environment often requires us to work from evidence, we can also draw upon our intuitive foundation to make the right decisions. You may have a gut feeling about what needs to be done or how to resolve a work issue – don't ignore it!

If considering a career move, go with the path that feels most right to you. As a highly intuitive and receptive individual, your career paths could include working as a counsellor, psychic, spiritual advisor, teacher or coach. Or, it may suit you to seek out a career as a consultant, diagnostician or practitioner in an area where you can use your highly developed perceptions and insights.

Financially, the High Priestess encourages you to listen to your intuition, especially if something seems 'off'. Something might look good on paper, but if your gut is telling you otherwise, you need to pay attention and dig further into whether it's the right opportunity for you. You may also need to keep your financial matters confidential and only share your information with those you trust.

Personality Types

The High Priestess is a calm, passive, and patient person. She remains non-active (that is, consciously inactive) and often withdraws from involvement with her outer world so that life can flow without her intervention. She trusts in the Universe to take care of unfolding events.

She is also independent and self-sufficient. Solitude and silence are important to her so she can connect with her spiritual source. She likes to be near water, as it heals and rejuvenates the spirit and body. The High Priestess is highly intuitive, maybe a psychic, or is someone who is deeply connected to her inner self and subconscious mind. She is easy to talk to because she is receptive and gentle.

Relationships and Love

As the High Priestess reflects intuition and deeper knowledge, the arrival of this card in a relationship reading heralds an extraordinary connection between two people. This card represents a relationship guided by intuition, where you both share a deep, spiritual bond with one another and may even believe you are soulmates destined to share a life phase. You may also be open to exploring Tantra as a way of strengthening your spiritual bond and conscious awakening together.

If you are single, you may enjoy this time alone to connect with your Divine Feminine. And

if you are dating or discovering a new relationship, then this card asks you to trust your intuition about whether this new relationship is right for you. You will need to heed your inner voice to recognise the best path forward.

Spirituality

The High Priestess is a sign of a heightened state of conscious awareness and enlightenment. You realise the power of your intuition and are seeking out ways to develop this skill even more. Be careful not to force your psychic development though by trying to do 'all the things'. Instead, allow this sacred knowledge to flow through you at its own pace.

Well-being and Health

With the High Priestess, you are in tune with your body and mind and can sense when something is out of alignment with your health and well-being. Trust your intuition and follow your inner voice to guide you to where you need to focus your attention. If you sense that something is not right with your body, believe in your concerns and advocate for yourself. You may need to see a different healthcare practitioner, particularly if your current provider does not trust your instincts around your health. You may find you also connect better with a female practitioner or specialist. Possible health issues may be infertility, menstrual issues, and other female health issues.

Journaling Prompts

- What message does my inner voice have for me right now?
- How can I listen to and trust my intuition more?
- How can I more fully express and honour my Divine Feminine?

Suggested Card Combinations

High Priestess + Hierophant – Balance between intuitive and written knowledge, or the sacred and secular.

High Priestess + Hermit – Stepping back from the outer world to go deeper into the subconscious and to explore inner meaning and understanding.

High Priestess + Star – Making personal changes based on an intuitive sense of what needs to be resolved.

High Priestess + Two of Cups – A soulmate connection built on a deep understanding.

High Priestess + Eight of Wands – Taking swift action based on your gut instinct.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The reversed High Priestess calls on you to be still and direct your attention inward to listen to your voice and wisdom. You may be swayed by other people's opinions or swept up in their drama when what you really need to do is focus on what is right for you. It is time to get quiet and withdraw yourself from the external world to observe what your inner guidance is sharing with you now.

Ask yourself: Do I struggle to trust my intuition fully? Perhaps you doubt yourself or feel silly or guilty for listening to your intuition, and as a result, you deny your ability to tune in and receive this potent information. You may also keep your intuitive capabilities hidden from others, fearful of their judgements or opinions. If this resonates, know that your intuition is your superpower, here to guide you and help you. Have faith in the Universe and allow yourself to be in flow with its energies. Surrender and let go.

Think of the High Priestess as the calm centre inside of you that is untouched by your external world and trust that she is always there when you need her. Whenever you worry that things are just getting too crazy, find a quiet space and meditate so you can hear her voice. If you stop thinking or fretting about your issue and instead clear the way for your intuition to speak to you, the answer will follow.

Finally, the secretive nature of the High Priestess may suggest gossip and hidden agendas. Others may be keeping information from you or talking about you behind your back and sharing mistruths. Rather than making assumptions or diving into the depths of paranoia, have an open and honest conversation to surface and address these secrets.

Suggested Card Combinations

High Priestess reversed + Three of Cups reversed – Being excluded by a circle of friends who are engaging in gossip and secrecy.

High Priestess reversed + Ten of Cups reversed – Acting in ways that go against your personal values and your gut instinct.

High Priestess reversed + Nine of Wands – Feeling as though people are gossiping behind your back or not telling the truth.

III. THE EMPRESS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Fertility, femininity, beauty, nature, abundance.

Reversed: Creative block, dependence on others.

QUOTES

"Spiritual and religious traditions, when shaped by the feminine principle, affirm the cyclical phrases of our lives and the wisdom each phase brings, the sacredness of our bodies and the body of the Earth." – Patrick Wynne

"The deepest experience of the creator is feminine, for it is experience of receiving and bearing." – Rainer Maria Rilke

DESCRIPTION

The Empress is a beautiful, full-figured woman with blonde hair and a peaceful aura about her. On her head, she wears a crown of twelve stars, showing her connection with the mystical realm and the cycles of the natural world (the twelve months of the year and the twelve planets). Her robe is patterned with pomegranates, symbolic of fertility, and sits upon a luxurious array of cushions and flowing red velvet. One cushion features the symbol of Venus, the planet of love, creativity, fertility, beauty and grace – the essence of the Empress.

A beautiful, lush forest and winding stream surround the Empress, signifying her connection with Mother Earth and life itself. She draws her sense of peace from the trees and the water and is rejuvenated by the energy of nature. In the foreground, golden wheat springs from the soil, reflecting abundance from a recent harvest.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Empress signifies a strong connection with our femininity. Femininity translates in many ways – elegance, sensuality, fertility, creative expression, nurturing – and is necessary for creating balance in both men and women. The Empress calls on you to connect with your feminine energy. Create beauty in your life. Connect with your senses through taste, touch, sound, smell and sight. Draw on these senses to experience pleasure and deep fulfilment. Treat yourself to a day spa, learn massage, enjoy a fine restaurant or spend more time with your partner. Discover different approaches to expressing yourself creatively, be it through painting, music, drama or other art forms. This may be the perfect chance to take up a new hobby that enables you to access this part of yourself.

The Empress signifies abundance. You are surrounded by life's pleasures and luxuries and have everything you need to live a comfortable lifestyle. You are in a period of growth, in which all you have dreamed of is now coming to fruition. When the Empress appears in your Tarot readings, take a moment to reflect on the bounty that surrounds you and offer gratitude for all you have created so you can continue to build on this energy and create even more abundance in your life.

As the Mother Earth archetype, the Empress urges you to venture out into nature to ground your energy and be in flow with the earth. Take a trip to your favourite natural setting, be it a forest, beach, mountain or lake, and sit for a couple of minutes, hours or even days to breathe in the energy that surrounds you while marvelling in the beauty of your surroundings. Allow yourself the time and the space to enter a different frame of mind and receive the grounding spirit of nature into your heart and consciousness. When you do this, you can reach higher planes of consciousness.

When you are in tune with the energy of the Empress, you will naturally take on her mothering nature. You feel a strong urge to nurture and care for others, from a place of loving compassion and support. You see it as a gift and an honour to tend to others, and in doing so you, too, receive benefit. In a more literal sense, you may step into the role of 'mother', perhaps as the mother of a newborn, caretaker of other people's children, or spending more quality time with your kids.

The Empress can also suggest pregnancy or birth. This may be an actual pregnancy or childbirth, or a metaphorical 'birth' of a new idea or project. Bring your creative ideas into being by nurturing them and supporting their growth. Allow those designs and their manifestation to flow through you, acting with compassion and love.

Career, Work and Finances

In a work-related reading, the Empress shows that you are seeking a creative outlet in your work. Have you found yourself attracted to activities that draw on your artistic talents or your ability to design or develop new ideas?

At work, you may catch yourself acting as the 'mother hen' of the office, taking care of others and being a supportive part of their growth. You take the time to get to know your co-workers and understand how they are feeling at work. You care for the well-being of those around you and focus on building professional relationships, rather than just getting the task done. And what about mentorship? You may move into a mentoring role, offering both career and emotional support to those who are at the start of their journey.

The Empress is associated with caring professions such as a nurse, healthcare provider, counsellor or therapist, or with more visionary roles such as an artist, creative director, or designer.

Financially, the Empress brings abundance. Your financial situation is likely to be positive and may well result from giving to those around you and then receiving in return.

Personality Types

The Empress is a highly sensory person who appreciates the beauty of the simple things in life. Her environment is beautifully decorated, and she wears flowing dresses with floral prints. She is at home in nature and attuned with the natural cycles of the earth such as the seasons and the moon.

A nurturer at heart, the Empress personality loves to 'mother' and care for others. She's the friend who is always there to listen to you confess your innermost self and give you a loving hug to reassure you that everything will be OK.

Relationships and Love

In a relationship reading, the Empress is a positive sign that you have developed that deep sense of self-love and self-respect that will radiate from you to others. You are in the prime position to attract and grow loving relationships with open lines of communication. There is a rich sensuality present in your connection with others, with a love for passion, pleasure and potential. The Empress is a very sensual person who is deeply connected with her sexuality, femininity and inner beauty, and this makes for a beautiful, intimate relationship.

If your relationship is experiencing trouble, then the Empress acts as a reminder to be more forthcoming and honest with each other. You need to come from a place of love and compassion when you share with each other and discuss your feelings. This is a time to let go of any defensive barriers and to truly open up. Look at the situation with a deep love for your partner, even if he or she is continually doing things to upset or annoy you.

Spirituality

The Empress asks you to deepen your connection with the earth and honour the natural cycles. You may be drawn to Paganism, Wicca or other nature-based belief systems. Or you might connect with your inner self through the seasons and the lunar phases. Spending time outside and grounding your energy is vital for your spiritual well-being and growth.

Well-being and Health

Overall, the Empress heralds positive health and well-being, showing that you are deeply connected to your inner self, which translates to outer health. On a physical level, pay attention to any feminine health issues, particularly around fertility and the menstrual cycle. If you are trying to get pregnant, then the Empress is an excellent sign that this may be forthcoming (but only a pregnancy test will tell!). And if you are not ready to be a parent and pregnancy is a possibility for you, you need to be very careful and use contraception diligently.

If you are having health issues of any kind, look at them from a different perspective. What is your body trying to tell you? Consider adding a naturopathic or homeopathic approach to your regimen.

Journaling Prompts

- How can I show loving kindness and compassion towards others and myself?
- What am I bringing into fruition?
- How can I deepen my connection to nature?
- How can I fully express my creativity?

Suggested Card Combinations

Empress + Emperor – Mother and father figures.

Empress + Lovers – Sexual fulfilment, intimacy and pleasure in your relationship. Empress + Star – Generosity and free-flowing love to all those around you.

Empress + Nine of Pentacles – A high level of sophistication and an appreciation for the finer things in life, especially expensive art or fancy restaurants.

Empress + Ten of Pentacles – Affluence, luxury and physical comfort.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

Reversed, the Empress encourages you to make self-love and self-care a priority. Now is the time to bring your loving energy and focus to yourself, especially if you have been giving away your personal power by placing too much emphasis on another person's emotional or material needs, thus neglecting your own. Book a girls' weekend, go for a walk on your own or start a creative project that's just for you. It is essential that you fill your cup and care for yourself so you can then take care of others without resentment.

You may also crave a stronger connection with nature and Mother Earth. Now is the perfect occasion to spend even just a few hours in a natural setting such as a beach, park or garden. Breathe in the radiant energy as you're surrounded by nature's beauty and take time to notice the little things: an ant racing along on the ground, new leaves budding on the trees, or the rich purples and greens of the flowers and plants.

The Empress reversed can suggest that you are feeling a creative block, especially in 'birthing' a new idea or expressing yourself creatively. You may worry whether it will be a success or if your work is appealing to others. For now, don't bother about what others think. The important thing is that you are allowing your creative energy to flow, even if it means keeping your newest creations private to you only (and even if they look like a three-year-old created them!).

The reversed Empress may call your attention to issues around body image. Are you your biggest critic when it comes to how you look and the shape of your body? Learn to love your body again and give thanks for the lovely curves, lumps and bumps. Rediscover your beauty, inside and out.

In your relationships, you may take the 'mothering' role too far, becoming overprotective, co-dependent and controlling. If this resonates, it is time to shift your focus from the mother-child relationship to an adult-to-adult relationship by creating independence, trust and loving compassion.

Suggested Card Combinations

Empress reversed + High Priestess reversed – Not listening to your intuition or connecting with your inner being.

Empress reversed + Page of Cups reversed – Disappointments around pregnancy, possibly an expectation that did not turn out as well as you had hoped.

IV. THE EMPEROR

KEYWORDS

Upright: Authority, establishment, structure, a father figure.

Reversed: Domination, excessive control, lack of discipline, inflexibility.

QUOTES

"A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way." – John C. Maxwell (Motivational speaker)

"He that cannot obey, cannot command." – Benjamin Franklin

DESCRIPTION

If the Empress is the Mother archetype of the Tarot deck, the Emperor is the Father. He sits upon a large stone throne, adorned with four rams' heads (symbolic of his connection with Aries and the planet Mars). In his right hand, the Emperor holds an ankh, the Egyptian symbol of life, and in his left is an orb representing the world over which he rules.

He wears a red robe, indicative of his power, passion and energy for life. Underneath it, he wears a suit of armour, suggesting that he is protected from any threat (and any emotional response or vulnerability). His long white beard is symbolic of his age-old wisdom and experience, and along with his gold crown, he is an authority figure who demands to be heard.

Behind his throne looms a tall, impenetrable mountain range, signifying that he is backed by a solid foundation but resistant to making any changes unless he deems it necessary. Beneath the peaks flows a small river, giving some hope that despite his tough exterior, he is still an emotional being – it will just take a lot of digging and trust to open him up to his softer side.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

As the father figure of the Tarot deck, the Emperor suggests that you are adopting this fatherly role (regardless of whether you are male or female), providing for your family, and protecting and defending your loved ones. You may be the breadwinner or the 'rock' for those who rely on your stability and security.

Similarly, the Emperor represents a powerful leader who demands respect and authority. Status, power and recognition are essential to you, and you are most comfortable in a leadership role where you can command and direct others. As a leader, you rule with a firm but fair hand. You have a clear vision of what you want to create, and you organise those around you to manifest your goal. You listen to the advice of others, but you prefer to have the final say. Conflict doesn't scare you, and you won't hesitate to use your power to protect those you care about. And in return, those people will repay you with the loyalty and respect you deserve. Claim your authority as leader and influencer and don't let others put you down.

The Emperor reflects a system bound by rules and regulations. You create law and order by applying principles or guidelines to a specific situation. Create calm out of chaos by breaking down any problem into its parts and then mapping out the actions you need to take to resolve it. Be systematic, strategic and highly organised in your approach, and stick to your plan until the end.

The Emperor card also signifies world knowledge and expertise. Through the course of your life, you have gained valuable wisdom and life experience, and now you enjoy offering guidance, advice, and direction to someone who might benefit from it. You may be a teacher, coach, boss, or just a good friend who likes to take what you have learned and pass it on so that others can be as wise and powerful as you.

Career, Work and Finances

In a career reading, the Emperor can represent a leader, boss, or mentor who is powerful and well-established. This person will be your advocate, so long as you stay loyal to him and do as he asks.

The Emperor can also signify success at work and may even mean a promotion to a leadership position. If you have presented yourself as successful, strong and influential, you will go far. You need to show that you are a talented expert in your field and that you have the discipline and commitment to see things through. Speak with authority on your area of expertise and know others will listen to what you have to say. You are now more likely to speak up rather than shrink into the background and escape the public eye. It will serve you well to be extremely organised at work, to plan ahead and set up structures to manage your efforts.

You may be drawn to a work environment that offers a solid and dependable source of

income, somewhere you feel secure and can be part of an established institution. This card lends itself to a government organisation, a large hierarchy, or even a financial or legal institution. Career paths for the Emperor include a general manager or business leader, university lecturer, executive coach or mentor, accountant, program manager, builder, engineer or business owner.

Financially, you may be wise to invest in conservative or well-established initiatives. Now is a time when you need to exercise self-discipline and control over how you manage your finances.

Personality Types

The Emperor is an authoritative and imposing figure who loves to be the boss. He is robust, reliable and dependable, but can also be stubborn, aggressive and demanding. His masculine traits typically mark him as the alpha male of the group. The Emperor personality keeps his guard up to make sure that everyone around him knows he is in control and he will never fully show his emotions.

Relationships and Love

The Emperor represents an established, committed relationship. He can be 'husband material' given his loyalty, stability and self-discipline – but, do not expect him to buy you roses or show any romantic inklings! He is highly practical and will focus on making sure the relationship is working at a pragmatic level.

The Emperor often seeks to assume a traditional, masculine role in a relationship, where he can be the provider and the 'rock' for both of you. Most of the time, this gives you strength and comfort, but, he may teeter on the border of becoming overbearing and authoritative, in which case you will have to win back some power in the relationship. Nonetheless, the Emperor as a partner looks out for you and takes the lead – qualities many look for in a long-term relationship.

If you are looking for love, then the Emperor may signify that a more stable figure is coming into your life and you can expect a significant and committed relationship to develop.

Spirituality

The Emperor suggests that you are a religious person with a high level of commitment and discipline towards your spiritual practice. You may be a regular church-goer or someone who has practised religion or spirituality for most of your life, thanks to your self-discipline. You may also find a male mentor who can give much-needed spiritual advice.

Well-being and Health

Be logical about your health. Order and discipline may be helpful in addressing any current issues. For example, write your symptoms, track them, and then see if something in your life corresponds with them.

Look out for any male health issues, particularly around fertility, stress and anxiety. Given the fact that the Emperor likes to be in control and take the lead, sometimes he may just take on too much and burn himself out.

Journaling Prompts

- How can I step into my power?
- What roles do structure and organisation play in my life?
- In what ways can I become more responsible and accountable?
- What role does the need to control play in my behaviour?

Suggested Card Combinations

Emperor + Magician – A highly action-oriented and capable person.

Emperor + Hierophant – Conforming to rules, conventions, and religious structures.

Emperor + Chariot – Taking charge and wielding control.

Emperor + Knight of Cups – Definite husband material! A nice balance between masculinity and romance.

Emperor + Three of Wands – Assuming a leadership role and developing business strategy.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The reversed Emperor calls on you to assess your relationship with power, control, authority, responsibility and discipline. Are you expressing too much or too little of these elements in your life right now? Are they working for you or against you?

In the reversed position, the Emperor can be domineering and rigid in his thinking. The card can suggest an over-use and abuse of authoritative power surrounding you. It could originate from you or from another person, often a boss, partner or father figure. And it may be because of deep insecurities or father issues from childhood.

Consider the role that power plays in your life. Are you asserting your power and dominance

in a way that leaves others feeling powerless? Or are you giving away your personal power to please someone else, often a father-figure or a person in authority? Seek to find a solution where you lead from a place of personal power and enable others to do the same. Power can be equally and constructively distributed – you don't need to take it from others, nor do you need to give yours away.

The reversed Emperor may be a sign that others look to you as their leader or as an expert in the field but you are shying away from the role. You may fear being seen as the leader, instead preferring to hide in the shadows or stay out of the spotlight. There may be other ways you can make an impact and influence the world, such as authoring a book or training others to reach a bigger audience.

Sometimes, the reversed Emperor asks you to stand up to authority. You may feel fed up with an overbearing boss or a hierarchical organisation and feel compelled to enter a more flexible and adaptive environment. Maybe you aspire to be your own boss and work independently by starting up your own business. Or, you may seek a career where you can have greater flexibility and creativity in how you complete your work. You are sick of having to always work within the confines of a particular structure or way of doing things, and you want to break free from it.

When the reversed Emperor pops up in a Tarot reading, pay attention to your commitment to your goals and your self-discipline to get the job done. If you are struggling to see any real outcomes, check that you have a plan in place, a routine to support it, and the dedication to see it through. You may need to get a little tough on yourself and do the uncomfortable work you'd prefer to avoid. But if you can harness the positive, upright energy of the Emperor, your efforts will lead to success.

In a relationship reading, the reversed Emperor suggests that you may be in an unequal partnership and it's making you unhappy in the long term. Your significant other has become overbearing, possessive, dominating and authoritative. While you may have been looking for a partner to take care of you and offer a stable foundation for the future, those qualities have gone too far, and it seems as though much of your independence and freedom have been taken away. This dynamic is putting a strain on the relationship and preventing a flow of energies between you.

Suggested Card Combinations

Emperor reversed + Justice – Run-in with the law or problems with authorities. Emperor reversed + Seven of Cups – Scattered thought and a lack of self-discipline.

Emperor reversed + King of Cups reversed – Complete misuse of personal power; manipulative and nasty.

Emperor reversed + Five of Swords – Bending the rules or even breaking the law.

V. THE HIEROPHANT

KEYWORDS

Upright: Spiritual wisdom, religious beliefs, conformity, tradition, institutions.

Reversed: Personal beliefs, freedom, challenging the status quo

THE HIEROPHANT

QUOTES

"Teaching is more than imparting knowledge, it is inspiring change. Learning is more than absorbing facts, it is acquiring understanding." – William Arthur Ward (Author and pastor)

"The Supreme Lord said: I shall reveal to you, who do not disbelieve, the most profound secret of self-knowledge and self-realisation. Having known this you will be freed from the miseries of worldly existence." – Bhagavad Gita

DESCRIPTION

The Hierophant is the masculine counterpart to the High Priestess. He is also known as the Pope or the Teacher in other Tarot decks and is ruled by Taurus.

The Hierophant is a religious figure sitting between two pillars of a sacred temple – though this temple differs from the one in which the High Priestess sits. He wears three robes – red, blue and white – and a three-tiered crown, both representing the three worlds over which he rules (the conscious, sub-conscious and super-conscious). In his left hand, he holds the Papal Cross, a triple sceptre that signifies his religious status. He raises his right hand in a religious blessing, with two fingers pointing towards Heaven and two towards Earth.

Before him kneel two followers. The Hierophant's task is to pass down his spiritual wisdom and initiate the two into the church so they can take up their appointed roles. This imagery speaks to a shared group identity and a rite of passage to enter the next level. The crossed keys at the Hierophant's feet represent the balance between the conscious and subconscious minds and the unlocking of mysteries, which only he can teach.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Hierophant card represents an established set of spiritual values and beliefs and is often correlated with religion and other formal doctrines. Before you can discover your own belief systems and make your own choices (as associated with the next card, the Lovers), the Hierophant encourages you to learn the fundamental principles from a trusted source.

Work with a teacher, mentor, or guide to teach you about spiritual values and beliefs in a structured way. He may be an authority or a kind and generous mentor who nurtures your spiritual awareness and helps you access the Divine by understanding the traditions and core principles. You may also undertake a period of formal study as you delve into a subject that has been widely explored and documented.

If you have already mastered a particular field of study, you may be taking on the role of teacher and mentor to others. In this position, you honour and acknowledge your responsibility to share your knowledge in a structured way, one that respects the age-old traditions.

The Hierophant's arrival suggests you are following convention and staying within the bounds of a 'tried and tested' model. You are not yet willing to go out on a limb or offer any new and innovative ideas. Instead, you adhere to the key principles and rules that you know will lead to a successful result.

The Hierophant may call you to honour family traditions or sacred rituals that sit neglected. You are being asked to commit to spiritual practice in its most wholesome form – no customisation, no adaptation, no bending the rules. If you have been lacking ritual and tradition, create a regular practice such as daily prayer or saying grace before a meal. Consider exploring your spiritual or religious heritage.

The Hierophant Tarot card often speaks to group membership or being part of an institution. You may enjoy a deep sense of comfort being surrounded by people who have well-established belief systems and explicit values. Finding them may be as significant as exploring a new church or religious group, or as simple as joining a gym or online Tarot community. This card is about identifying with others and a way of thinking that will prompt further learning.

Career, Work and Finances

In a work-related reading, the Hierophant shows that you need to conform to the current organisational culture, rules and boundaries. Fit in with others rather than trying to innovate or transform. Accept that your superiors are right (even if you disagree!) and do what they ask of you. Now is not a time to challenge the way things are done but to adopt the traditional approach of the organisation and its people.

You may need to align yourself with those in positions of power and influence to get where

you want to go in your career. Mix with various professional networks and associations and join your organisation's social group. This will help you fit in and find your place with other like-minded people to form strategic alliances and relationships.

Career paths include becoming a spiritual teacher, a religious figure, committee or board member, or the head of an established institution or society.

Financially, the Hierophant signifies that you are investing in 'blue chip' companies and institutions, not wanting to expose yourself to high levels of risk. You may seek the advice of bankers and professional money managers who have a solid foundation and significant (successful) experience.

Personality Types

The Hierophant personality is conventional and conservative. He follows due process and rarely deviates from what he knows has worked in the past. He needs to conform and gain the approval of others, and he's wary not to 'rock the boat'.

The Hierophant is also a profoundly religious or spiritual person who has a deep respect for sacred ritual and ceremony. He may be a regular church-goer or someone who engages in daily spiritual practice. He has attained a high level of spiritual knowledge and is willing to share this with others in a structured way.

Relationships and Love

Given the focus on tradition and established structures, the Hierophant can suggest marriage or a traditional relationship. For example, you may be reluctant to become intimate with each other before you marry, or you may want to get married before you move in together. There may also be religious rulings or boundaries that impact the relationship. You may feel pressured to pursue a relationship only with someone from the same spiritual tradition as yourself.

If you are looking for love, the Hierophant can reflect a strong desire to be in a monogamous and structured relationship. You may be drawn to conventional ways of finding a partner, such as meeting him or her through a friend or family member instead of trying to pick someone up in a nightclub.

In a struggling relationship, the Hierophant suggests that the two of you are staying together because it seems like the right thing to do. Children may be involved, and you think you need to remain with your partner for the sake of your children's well-being.

Spirituality

The Hierophant represents tradition, the orthodox and structured methods of nurturing spirituality. This card may represent the beliefs you were taught in childhood or your religious upbringing.

The Hierophant encourages you to explore the framework of a religion, doctrine, or your belief system, especially if you are curious about the metaphysical world or why we are here. You have a healthy appetite for spiritual knowledge and accessing the teacher within. Seek out a guide or mentor who can help you on this journey.

Well-being and Health

If you are experiencing any health concerns, the Hierophant suggests that seeing a well-known specialist may be very helpful. Now is the time to follow the doctor's orders and take a conventional approach to your health.

Rituals may bring further benefit. For example, you might try a 21-day meditation challenge or engage in a 10-day silent retreat. Set aside the time to honour these rituals and use them to enhance your well-being.

Journaling Prompts

- To what belief systems and principles do you subscribe? Who has influenced them over time?
- What is your core philosophy or life 'motto'?
- Who are your mentors and guides? What have they taught you?
- How can you share your wisdom with others?

Suggested Card Combinations

Hierophant + Emperor – Conforming to rules and religious structures.

Hierophant + Lovers – Marriage.

Hierophant + Three of Cups – Joining a social network.

Hierophant + Three of Pentacles – Collaborating with a team of professionals.

Hierophant + Six of Pentacles – Engaging in charity through a religious group or institution.

Hierophant + Eight of Pentacles – Undertaking further education and learning.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

In its most positive form, the reversed Hierophant reminds you that you are your own teacher. All the wisdom you seek comes from within – not from some external source or power. You are being guided to follow your own path and adopt your own spiritual belief systems rather than blindly following others'. It may feel unsettling at first as you make your own way, but over time, you will learn to trust yourself and tap into your inner knowledge. Others may question your motivations to go against tradition, but you know deep within that now is the time.

With the reversed Hierophant, you no longer need external approval to succeed. You are ready to go it alone and do it your way, even if that means going against convention. Give yourself permission to trust your inner guidance system as you create your own path forward.

The Hierophant reversed is also about challenging the status quo. You see alternative ways of viewing the world and are ready to test the very ideas and concepts you were taught were the 'truth'. You no longer accept the rigid structures, tradition and dogma surrounding you; instead, you seek out opportunities to rebel and reclaim your personal power. If you feel restricted or constrained and have lost your sense of freedom and flexibility, now is the time to make your own rules.

The reversed Hierophant encourages you to examine 'the way we do things around here' and ask yourself whether it aligns with your values. You may have been running on autopilot so far and following the crowd, but now you see that changes need to be made. Taken further, the Hierophant reversed is like a rebellious teenager who begins to question society and take part in anti-institutional activities. There may be a run-in with authorities or conflict with a parent or authoritative figure.

Suggested Card Combinations

Hierophant reversed + Fool – A rebellious teenager.

Hierophant reversed + Seven of Swords – Being a lone wolf and a 'cowboy'.

Hierophant reversed + Two of Wands – Diverging from the crowd and becoming a pioneer.

VI. THE LOVERS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Love, harmony, relationships, values alignment, choices.

Reversed: Self-love, disharmony, imbalance, misalignment of values.

QUOTES

"I love you not only for what you are but for what I am when I am with you. I love you not only for what you have made of yourself but for what you are making of me. I love you for the part of me that you bring out." – Roy Croft (Poet)

"Love is a union with somebody, or something, outside oneself, under the condition of retaining the separateness and integrity of one's own self. It is an experience of sharing, or communing, which permits the full unfolding of one's own inner activity." – Erich Fromm (Psychologist)

"It is our choices that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities." – Joanne Kathleen Rowling (Author of Harry Potter)

DESCRIPTION

The Lovers card shows a naked man and woman standing beneath the angel, Raphael, whose name means 'God heals' and represents both physical and emotional healing. The angel blesses the man and woman and reminds them of their union with the Divine.

The couple stands in a beautiful, fertile landscape, reminiscent of the Garden of Eden. Behind the woman stands a tall apple tree, with a snake winding its way up the trunk. The serpent and apple tree represent the temptation of sensual pleasures that may take one's focus away from the Divine. Behind the man is a tree of flames, which represent passion, the primary concern of the man. The twelve flames suggest the twelve zodiac signs, the symbol of time and eternity. The man looks to the woman, who watches the angel, showing the path of the conscious to the subconscious to the super-conscious, or from physical desire to emotional

needs to spiritual concerns.

The volcanic mountain in the background is rather phallic and represents the eruption of passion that happens when man and woman meet in full frontal nudity.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

In its purest form, the Lovers card represents conscious connections and meaningful relationships. The arrival of this card in a Tarot reading shows that you have a beautiful, soul-honouring connection with a loved one. You may believe you have found your soul mate or life partner, and the sexual energy between you both goes way beyond instant gratification and lust to something that is very spiritual and almost Tantric. While the Lovers card typically refers to a romantic tie, it can also represent a close friendship or family relationship where love, respect and compassion flow.

The Lovers is a card of open communication and raw honesty. Given that the man and woman are naked, they are both willing to be in their most vulnerable states and have learned to open their hearts to one another and share their truest feelings. They shape the container from which trust and confidence can emerge, and this makes for a powerful bond between the two. In a reading, this card is a sign that by communicating openly and honestly with those you care about, you will create a harmonious and fulfilling relationship built on trust and respect.

On a more personal level, the Lovers card represents getting clear about your values and beliefs. You are figuring out what you stand for and your philosophy. Having gone through the indoctrination of the Hierophant, you are now ready to establish your belief system and decide what is and what is not essential to you. It's time to go into the big wide world and make choices for yourself, staying true to who you are and being authentic and genuine in all your endeavours.

At its heart, the Lovers is about choice. The choice about who you want to be in this lifetime, how you connect with others and on what level, and about what you will and won't stand for. To make good choices, you need to be clear about your personal beliefs and values – and stay true to them. Not all decisions will be easy either. The Lovers card is often a sign that you are facing a moral dilemma and must consider all consequences before acting. Your values system is being challenged, and you are being called to take the higher path, even if it is difficult. Do not carry out a decision based on fear or worry or guilt or shame. Now, more than ever, you must choose love – love for yourself, love for others and love for the Universe. Choose the best version of yourself.

Finally, the Lovers card encourages you to unify dual forces. You can bring together two parts that are seemingly in opposition to one another and create something that is 'whole', unified

and harmonious. In every choice, there is an equal amount of advantage and disadvantage, opportunity and challenge, positive and negative. When you accept these dualities, you build the unity from which love flows.

Career, Work and Finances

In a career reading, the Lovers card suggests you are seeking to align your professional goals with your personal aspirations and values. You may feel called to change your career path so you can follow your passion and do work that truly lights you up. It may not make sense to other people, but you know deep within that you have no choice but to follow your heart.

You are also being asked to bring your whole self to your work. Don't pretend to be someone you're not just to fit in. Be genuine and authentic in your interactions and communicate from your centre. Be yourself, and you'll inspire others to show up authentically, too, making for a much more cohesive and harmonious workplace.

Given the romantic nature of the Lovers, this card in a work-related reading may also indicate a working or close professional relationship. There may be a colleague with whom you get along very well. You work closely together and share many common values and ways of doing things.

Financially, the Lovers card encourages you to consider a partnership or shared investment of some sort. It may be as a business or as a couple (such as moving towards combined bank accounts).

Personality Types

The Lovers personality is authentic and genuine. This person is very clear about his or her values and belief systems and can articulate what he or she believes in and stands for (and why).

She is in touch with herself and in harmony with her inner feelings and emotions. His heart is open, and he can share himself authentically with others. There are no reservations, no barriers and no defence mechanisms. What you see is what you get. As a result, Lovers personalities are highly ethical and live life from their core beliefs, values and principles.

Relationships and Love

The Lovers card is THE Tarot card for love! It represents the relationships in our lives, particularly intimate and/or sexual relationships. It speaks to areas in our lives where love is primary and may reflect the state of our connections.

If you are looking for love, the Lovers card can suggest the beginning of a romance. Look out for other cards that may confirm this, such as the Ace of Cups, Two of Cups, or Knight of Cups. It is also very important to you to create a relationship founded on mutual respect rather than lust or pure physical attraction. This card counsels you not to be too hasty and not

to rush into a relationship or marriage before you have thought it through. The immediate gratification of desire is tempting but what will the long-term consequences be?

In a current relationship, the Lovers card suggests that the union is very sound and the connection you have built together is solid and based on true love and shared values. You both share similar goals in life and are moving through your life journey together. You are in harmony and have an intense mutual attraction to one another. The Lovers may also indicate the positive influence of a third party, such as a marriage counsellor, mentor or teacher, who can support you in strengthening your bond with your partner.

If you are having problems opening up and relating to people, the Lovers is the card to meditate with as it allows the heart to open in a way that gives and receives love. Show up as your whole self and be authentic in how you connect with others.

Spirituality

Now is a time to listen to your heart and go with the belief system and faith that feels right to you. Do not blindly follow someone else's dogmas. Question everything and pay attention to how your Higher self responds. Explore different spiritual approaches and take what is helpful to you (and disregard the rest).

Well-being and Health

In a health and well-being reading, the Lovers card asks you to look for greater harmony and alignment in your life. You may be drawn towards therapeutic treatments that focus on achieving balance, such as acupuncture, massage, reiki or kinesiology.

Journaling Prompts

- When do you experience the most Divine love and compassion? Who are you with? What are you doing? How does it make you feel?
- How can you bring even more love and compassion into your life?
- Are you living in alignment with your personal values and belief systems? How can you create more alignment?

Suggested Card Combinations

Lovers + Empress – Sexual fulfilment and pleasure; a possible lesbian relationship.

Lovers + Star – A personal transformation towards building self-love and respect.

Lovers + Two of Cups – A new relationship based on true love; a marriage or deep connection

between two people.

Lovers + Three of Cups – A three-way or open relationship.

Lovers + Five of Cups – Loss of a loved one or loss of a committed relationship.

Lovers + Ten of Cups – Harmonious family relationships.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The Lovers card is pure love and harmony. Reversed, it can signal a time when you're out of sync with those around you, particularly your loved ones. You may find your relationships are strained and communication is challenging. Does it seem as if you are just not on the same page and no longer share the same values? If so, come back to the reason you have this person in your life. If you love him or her unconditionally, know this moment shall pass and the best you can do is bring love and compassion to the situation. In other cases, you may realise that you have simply grown apart and it's time to move on. If your relationship continues to be peppered by arguments and a lack of respect for one another, then it could be time to let go. Honour yourself and do what is best for you both.

The Lovers reversed can also reflect that the feelings within a relationship are not mutual. One person may be more emotionally involved than the other, and this gap could lead to disappointment and insecurity later down the track. You may be reluctant to open your heart to the relationship for fear of getting hurt.

The reversed Lovers also speaks to self-love and respect. To what extent do you honour and accept who you are and the value you offer in this world? Be mindful, too, if you look at other people and wish you were more like them. Understand that if you can recognise these traits in others, it is because you have them within you. As Dr John Demartini says: 'When we admire qualities in others, it's the Universe's way to get you to wake up and recognise your own strengths – in other words, you need to realise that whatever you perceive in other people you also have within yourself.'

If the Lovers reversed shows up in a reading, you might face a tough choice with significant consequences. Instead of making a decision based on your values, you feel tempted to cut corners and avoid responsibility for your actions. You may think you can get away with it, but the reversed Lovers implores you to think again and choose the path most in alignment with your Highest Good – no matter how hard it might be.

The Lovers reversed can also suggest inner conflicts and being at war with yourself rather than with external forces. It indicates disharmony and a struggle to balance your inner union. Are you punishing yourself for something you have done or considered yourself responsible for? To help you out of this place, you will need to focus on articulating your personal belief systems and values. They will guide you in making better decisions next time. You may want to return to the energy of the Hierophant and seek the counsel and advice of an institution or spiritual mentor.

Suggested Card Combinations

Lovers reversed + Devil – Engaging in unhealthy, loveless and potentially abusive relationships.

Lovers reversed + Judgement – Exercising poor judgement that does not align with your personal values.

Lovers reversed + Three of Pentacles reversed – Lack of harmony in professional relationships.

Lovers reversed + Nine of Cups – Instant gratification but with long-term consequences.

VII. THE CHARIOT

KEYWORDS

Upright: Control, willpower, success, action, determination.

Reversed: Self-discipline, opposition, lack of direction.

QUOTES

"If you have willpower, then you can change anything." – Dalai Lama

"Success is not measured by what you accomplish but by the opposition you have encountered, and the courage with which you have maintained the struggle against overwhelming odds." – Orison Swett Marden (founder of *Success Magazine*)

"Success means having the courage, the determination, and the will to become the person you believe you were meant to be." – George Sheehan (physician)

DESCRIPTION

The Chariot Tarot card shows a brave warrior standing inside a chariot. He wears armour decorated with crescent moons (representing what is coming into being), a tunic with a square (the strength of will) and other alchemical symbols (spiritual transformation). The laurel and star crown signals victory, success and spiritual evolution. Although he appears to be driving the chariot, the charioteer holds no reins – just a wand like the Magician's – symbolising that he controls through the strength of his will and mind.

The charioteer stands tall – there's no sitting down for this guy, as he's all about taking action and moving forward. Above his head is a canopy of six-pointed stars, suggesting his connection to the celestial world and the Divine will. In front of the vehicle sit a black and a white sphinx, representing duality, positive and negative and, at times, opposing forces. Note how the sphinxes are pulling in opposite directions, but the charioteer uses his willpower

and sheer resolve to steer the chariot forward in the direction he wants.

Behind the chariot flows a wide river, symbolic of the need to be 'in flow' with the rhythm of life while also charging ahead toward your goals and intentions.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Chariot is a card of willpower, determination and strength. You have discovered how to make decisions in alignment with your values with the Lovers card, and now you are taking action on those decisions. When the Chariot appears in a Tarot reading, take it as a sign of encouragement. You have set your objectives and are now channelling your inner power with a fierce dedication to bring them to fruition. When you apply discipline, commitment and willpower to achieve your goals, you will succeed.

Now isn't the time to be passive in the hope that things will work out in your favour. Take focused action and stick to the course, no matter what challenges may come your way – because, believe me, there will be challenges. You may be pulled in opposite directions and find your strength and conviction tested. Others may try to block you, distract you, or drag down the pursuit of your goal. But the Chariot is an invitation to draw upon your willpower and home in on what's essential to you, so you can push past the obstacles in your way.

If you are curious about whether you have what it takes to achieve your aim or complete an important project, the Chariot is a sign you will be successful so long as you keep your focus and remain confident in your abilities. You need to use your willpower and self-discipline to concentrate on the task at hand. You can't cut corners or take the easy route, or you will fail. Instead, see this endeavour as a test of your strength and conviction, and recognise that victory is within reach, but it's up to you to follow through.

The Chariot calls you to assert yourself and be courageous. Be bold in expressing your desires and laying down your boundaries; otherwise, you will not get your way. You need to have faith in yourself and know fundamentally who you are and what you stand for (thus building off the personal belief systems and values established through the Lovers card).

In a very literal sense, the Chariot can represent travel, especially driving or taking a road trip. You may even be considering selling your home and buying an RV so you can head off and roam the country!

Career, Work and Finances

In a career reading, the Chariot invites you to assert yourself in the workplace: take control, be responsible and accountable, and potentially step into a management or leadership role. Put in the hard work and get the job done, no matter what. Do not let others push you around.

Instead, set your boundaries and be unwavering in what you believe in and stand for.

If you are searching for work or considering a career change, the Chariot advises you to stay focused on your goal and don't give up. Be disciplined in your search and make sure that any new opportunities align with your expectations and goals. In conversations with a potential employer, take the lead and interview the organisation to ensure that they are a company you want to work for. Career paths may include a general manager, driver, project manager or a sports coach.

Financially, the Chariot encourages you to create a financial plan based on your goals. Set a budget and a savings plan and stick to them. You may need to sacrifice a few luxuries, but it will pay off.

Personality Types

The Chariot personality is very driven, focused, and persistent. This person lets nothing get in his way and will do everything within his power to reach his goals. In the positive sense, the Chariot personality is action-oriented and motivated, and you may feel inspired to apply the same level of focus and self-discipline. On the flipside, he is very headstrong and a force to be reckoned with. Sometimes, you may see this determination turn into aggressive behaviour, in which case just move aside and let him work it out on his own.

Relationships and Love

In a relationship reading, the Chariot suggests that now is the time to pursue your goals and to do the things YOU want to do. You have made many sacrifices along the way to meet the needs of others and allow your relationships to develop, but now you have had enough. This card is about navigating the opposing forces in your life to get where you want to be, so you've got some work ahead – but it is necessary, and it will only strengthen you.

If you are in a challenging relationship, the Chariot can show that you are having difficulty steering it in the direction you want. You know you both share a strong connection and make each other stronger, but the Chariot suggests that you are struggling to take this relationship to the next level. You realise the current situation is not sustainable but find it hard to change.

If you are looking for love, the Chariot advises you not to lower your standards. Do not compromise on what you want! Even if you are not finding the right relationship now, your determination will lead to the outcome you want.

Spirituality

Exercise self-discipline and willpower to stay on track with your spiritual goals. You need to hold your focus and keep striving to achieve your aim, even if others question what you are doing.

Well-being and Health

The Chariot is a positive sign that your health and well-being are robust and your energy and motivation are high. This is the perfect time to start a healthy living plan, including exercise, diet and self-care, because you have the strength and resolve to see it through. But remember, no shortcuts! Discipline is critical right now.

Journaling Prompts

- How do you exercise self-discipline and control? What could you do to bring even more self-discipline into your life?
- What is so important to you that you would do anything to achieve it?
- How do you overcome obstacles?

Suggested Card Combinations

Chariot + Magician – Using your willpower to manifest your goals.

Chariot + Star – Victory on a deep level, through personal transformation.

Chariot + Four of Pentacles – A need for increased control and discipline.

Chariot + King of Pentacles – Positive use of discipline and determination for financial gain.

Chariot + King of Swords – A motivational speaker who uses the spoken word to influence others.

Chariot + Seven of Wands – An ongoing battle in which you will soon be victorious.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

Upright, the Chariot is a green light to move ahead with a key project and push past any obstacles that might impede your desired outcome. Reversed, however, the Chariot tells you to 'back up the truck' or, as we Aussies say, "Chuck a U-y" (AKA "do a U-turn"). You might bang your head against a brick wall, trying to push a project forward when really, you ought to back off or change direction. Or you might have lost your motivation and no longer feel as committed to the outcome as you did when you started. So, if something is not moving forward as you planned, re-evaluate the situation and check in to see if it's a sign that you need to change course. Then ask yourself: Is there a deeper reason things have become more

challenging? What lesson can I learn here?

At times, the reversed Chariot is a warning that you are letting obstacles and challenges get in the way, preventing you from achieving what you set out to do. It's all getting too hard, and you don't have the will to go on. If that resonates, stop for a moment and think about the things that matter most to you and why you want to achieve this goal. Will you allow other people's opinions to sway you or give up as soon as the going gets tough? Or will you follow through on your commitment?

Before taking action, the reversed Chariot may be a hint that you are focusing your energy and attention on your internal processes, such as self-discipline, inner determination and personal commitment. You may home in on the intentions that align with your Higher Self. Or, you can use visualisation and meditation to make sure your energy aligns with your goals. These internally focused actions are essential so that when the time comes to act, you will be ready.

If you are someone who likes to have command over your destiny and know where you are heading, take this opportunity to tighten the reins and become more disciplined in what you are doing. While feeling a loss of power can be quite demoralising, the key is to look at what you can control and what you cannot. Do not allow yourself to worry about what is out of your grasp as you cannot change it now. Instead, focus your energies on what IS in your control. Examine what you can do to improve the situation.

Similarly, the Chariot reversed suggests that you may be trying to manage every minute detail in your life – but in doing so, you feel even more out of control. Loosen your grip and let things run their course. Be open to offers of help and then be grateful for what you receive, even if it's not perfectly aligned with your expectations. You do not always have to be in the driver's seat!

Suggested Card Combinations

Chariot reversed + Tower – Major defeat resulting in a life-changing and humbling experience.

Chariot reversed + Wheel of Fortune – Giving in to fate and destiny rather than taking control of your life.

Chariot reversed + Five of Swords – A lost battle, often because of lack of willpower or determination.

Chariot reversed + Eight of Swords – Confusion and self-doubt.

VIII. STRENGTH

KEYWORDS

Upright: Strength, courage, persuasion, influence, compassion.

Reversed: Inner strength, self-doubt, low energy, raw emotion.

QUOTES

"Promise me you'll always remember: you are braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think." – A. A. Milne (author of Winnie the Pooh)

"Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will." – Mahatma Gandhi

"Knowing others is intelligence; knowing yourself is true wisdom. Mastering others is strength; mastering yourself is true power." – Lao Tzu

DESCRIPTION

In the Strength Tarot card, a woman gently strokes a lion on its forehead and jaw. Even though it is known for its ferociousness, the woman has tamed this wild beast with her calming, loving energy. The lion is a symbol of raw passions and desires, and in taming him, the woman shows that animal instinct and raw passion can be expressed in positive ways when inner strength and resilience are applied. She doesn't use force or coercion; she channels her inner strength to subdue and subtly control the lion.

The woman wears a white robe, showing her purity of spirit, and a belt and crown of flowers that represent the fullest, most beautiful expression of nature. Over her head is the symbol of infinity, representing her infinite potential and wisdom.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Strength card represents strength, determination, and power – like the Chariot. However, while the Chariot signifies outer strength and will, the Strength card speaks to the inner strength and the human spirit's ability to overcome any obstacle. Strength is about knowing you can endure life's obstacles. You have great stamina and persistence, balanced with underlying patience and inner calm. You are committed to what you need to do, and you go about it in a way that shows your composure and maturity.

When the Strength Tarot card appears in a reading, you are fuelled by your inner strength, personal power, strong will and determination. You do not rule by trying to control others; you quietly influence and persuade. Others may underestimate your power because it is so 'invisible' – but you should see that as an advantage. You can control a situation without excessive, outward force. No one knows it's you calling the shots.

Your strength gives you the confidence to overcome any growing fears, challenges or doubts. Feel the fear and do it anyway! If you have been going through a rough time and are burnt out or stressed, the Strength card encourages you to find the power within yourself to persevere. You have got what it takes to see this situation through to its eventual end. You're a loyal friend and a solid supporter, willing to step up and be present when others are in need, and you might also feel compelled to hold space for someone who needs your strength and support.

The Strength card urges you to 'tame' your animal instincts, gut reactions, and raw emotions, and channel these initial responses constructively. It's normal for feelings such as anger, rage, sadness, guilt or shame to arise in certain situations. However, it's what you do with these emotions that makes all the difference. Now is a time when you need to be conscious of your instinctual urges and bring them into balance with the greater good. This is no time to act out in rage or hatred. Approach your situation from a place of forgiveness, love and compassion. Working with a therapist may also help you create coping strategies for what comes up.

Career, Work and Finances

The Strength card suggests that your workplace may be challenging, but you have the inner strength to survive and overcome any obstacles. If others are playing a power game, use your subtle influence and gentle persuasion to guide the situation back to your favour. You may need to hold your tongue, even when you disagree. Connect with your personal power first, and then carefully plan how to lead from a calm and compassionate place.

Financially, Strength shows you have managed your finances well over the years and can now enjoy the rewards. You might also be considering buying a home or other big-ticket

item, having saved a significant deposit.

Personality Types

Strength is someone who has immense inner fortitude and courage. She is cool, calm and collected, even in the face of adversity and opposition. She is like a swan—gracious and elegant on the surface, with little feet paddling madly underneath. Strength approaches any obstacle or setback with a calm but strong demeanour and can gently persuade even the most difficult of people to come around to her way of thinking.

Relationships and Love

If you are in a relationship, the Strength card reflects that you are confident and at peace with where things stand. You are less distrustful about what your partner is thinking and feeling, and instead, can focus on making the relationship the best it can be. You also learned to manage your insecurities and are building the inner strength and wisdom to grow the relationship moving forward.

If you are looking for love, the Strength card advises you to keep persevering. You are on the right track! You are staying in high spirits and present yourself as a confident individual. With this positive attitude, you are likely to find the right partner soon.

Spirituality

The Strength card indicates that you are reaching a state of higher awareness by learning how to express your raw emotions constructively. Fear and ego are no longer in the driver's seat; instead, you have discovered how to channel your power for the highest good.

Well-being and Health

The Strength card points out that you are strong, fit and healthy. You apply your self-discipline to overcome any cravings or bad habits.

If health is an issue, then Strength assures you that you hold the inner strength to get through it. Once you connect your spirit and your body, you will be in a much better position to address your health issues, both on the outside and in. It comes down to the need for you to build a sense of confidence and strength from within, and to believe in yourself so strongly that you can overcome any obstacles in your path.

Journaling Prompts

- What gives you energy and vitality?
- When have you been most surprised by your strength and courage?

- How do you move through fear?
- When did you recently encounter raw, untamed emotion, either within yourself or from another person? How did you respond?

Suggested Card Combinations

Strength + Emperor reversed – Opposition with the authorities or a dominant figure.

Strength + Hanged Man – Taking your time and exercising patience to reach the best outcome.

Strength + Tower – Despite a major setback, you will come out a lot stronger than you realise.

Strength + Nine of Wands – Stamina and endurance, particularly in the face of considerable opposition.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

When the reversed Strength card appears in a Tarot reading, tune in to your current levels of inner strength, confidence and self-belief. Are you overflowing with self-confidence, or are you depleted? And how can you bring these aspects back into balance?

If you have recently experienced a setback, you may be vulnerable and lacking in self-confidence. Know that your core strength will always be with you and now is as good a time as any to reconnect with this power. In fact, you may hold more strength and resilience than you give yourself credit for – so, be kind to yourself. You can also reinvigorate your self-assurance and self-esteem by collecting evidence from your past that proves you have what it takes to succeed and overcome these temporary challenges.

Check in on your energy levels right now. You may be sluggish, particularly if you have been dedicating yourself to serving others or have been pushing hard to achieve a goal. The reversed Strength card is your invitation to take stock and restore your energy levels by resting and withdrawing for a temporary period. It's vital that you take care of yourself so you can take care of others.

In its shadow form, the reversed Strength card can signal that you are prone to explosive behaviour, lashing out at others and becoming aggressive. You may act without thinking and end up doing something you regret later. The key is not to repress the raw emotion, but to learn how to channel it so it won't harm others or yourself. Seek a professional to help you better deal with these emotions.

Suggested Card Combinations

Strength reversed + Star – A lack of faith and hope in your abilities to surmount life's obstacles.

Strength reversed + Eight of Cups – A lack of strength to deal with your emotional issues.

Strength reversed + Five of Pentacles – Ill health and weakness of the mind, body and spirit.

Strength reversed + Four of Swords – Lacking energy and feeling listless.

IX. THE HERMIT

KEYWORDS

Upright: Soul-searching, introspection, being alone, inner guidance.

Reversed: Isolation, loneliness, withdrawal.

QUOTES

"There is a light within each of us that can never be diminished or extinguished. It can only be obscured by forgetting who we are." – Deepak Chopra

"A man who realises the potential of his mind by means of introspection and contemplation does not lack self-confidence. He has control over his mind and he is able to realise its full potential." – Sama Veda

DESCRIPTION

The Hermit stands alone on the top of a mountain. The snow-capped range symbolises his spiritual mastery, growth and accomplishment. He has chosen this path of self-discovery and, as a result, has reached a heightened state of awareness.

In his right hand, he holds a lantern with a six-pointed star inside; it is the Seal of Solomon, a symbol of wisdom. As the Hermit walks his path, the lamp lights his way – but it only illuminates his next few steps rather than the full journey. He must step forward to see where to go next, knowing that not everything will be revealed at once. In his left hand, the side of the subconscious mind, the Hermit holds a long staff (a sign of his power and authority), which he uses to guide and balance him.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Hermit shows that you are taking a break from everyday life to draw your energy and attention inward and find the answers you seek, deep within your soul. You realise that your most profound sense of truth and knowledge is within yourself and not in the distractions of the outside world. You leave behind the mundane to set off on a journey of self-discovery, led only by your inner wisdom and guiding light. Now is the perfect time to go on a weekend retreat or sacred pilgrimage, anything in which you can contemplate your motivations, personal values and principles, and get closer to your authentic self.

The Hermit invites you to retreat into your private world and experience a deep sense of seclusion and introspection. You know that you need to take this journey alone or with a small, intimate group of spiritually minded people. When you allow yourself to tune in to your inner, guiding light, you will hear the answers you need and grow wise beyond your years. Find your light, shine it on your soul and create your unique path. You will see what lies ahead of you – not miles upon miles, but enough to know where to step next. From there, take one step at a time.

The Hermit often appears when you are at a pivotal point in your life and considering a new direction. Through meditation, contemplation, and self-examination, you may begin to re-evaluate your personal goals and change your overall course. You will look at your life with a deeper, more spiritual understanding and a few of your priorities will change as a result.

The Hermit also represents the desire to turn away from a consumerist or materialistic society to focus on your inner world. Have you ever seen (or read) Into the Wild? After graduating from university, top student and athlete Christopher McCandless abandons his possessions, gives his entire $24,000 savings account to charity and hitchhikes to Alaska to live in the wilderness alone. Whilst his story has a tragic ending, his journey into the wild was like that of the Hermit, who seeks answers within and knows they will come only with quiet and solitude.

Finally, the Hermit may appear in your life as a spiritual mentor here to raise your vibration and enhance your consciousness. The beauty of this mentor is that, while he may be an expert in his own right, he will teach you how to find your answers within you.

Career, Work and Finances

When the Hermit appears in a work-related reading, you may be inclined to work independently, pursuing an individual project or research assignment. You prefer to avoid distraction so you can concentrate and listen to your inner wisdom.

In a finance reading, the Hermit suggests you may go through a period of letting go of some of your material possessions so you can free up time and space for spiritual pursuits. You

may be more attracted to a minimalist lifestyle, feel uninclined to buy new items or to hoard possessions. Money and material possessions are not a high priority now.

Personality Types

The Hermit is a wise and patient spiritual guide or mentor. He is a trusted teacher and can offer you spiritual help where you need it most. He teaches from a place of personal experience as he has already travelled the path on which you walk, and can now share with you what he has learned along the way.

This personality is likely to be very introverted, detail-oriented, highly analytical and a perfectionist. He likes to stay out of the limelight, instead preferring to watch from the sidelines. He spends most of his time in meditation, contemplation and study, pursuing a deeper spiritual knowledge.

Relationships and Love

If you are in a relationship, the Hermit implies that you have a strong desire to be alone for the time being. The Hermit is a very solitary figure and, like him, you need time on your own to figure things out about the future of your relationship. The Hermit may even imply a temporary separation while you go through this period of introspection.

If you are searching for love, the Hermit suggests that now may not be the best time to start a new relationship. Do not be scared to take some alone time to tune into your inner self and connect on a deeper level with your soul. Alternatively, romantic relationships may simply not be a current priority for you.

Spirituality

The Hermit is a profoundly spiritual card and often symbolises a lifelong journey of spiritual discovery. Use this time for reflection and searching deep within your soul, and taking time to yourself. It may be as simple as meditating for five minutes a day, or as extreme as taking a vow of silence for years.

The Hermit may also be a sign of study, especially in philosophy, spirituality or religion. You may find a guide or mentor who will help you on this journey.

Well-being and Health

Here, the Hermit suggests that you need to turn your attention inward to reflect on what is important to you and what will enrich your soul. Take the opportunity to do some soul searching to understand the roots of your health and well-being issues and dig into their deeper spiritual meaning. Louise Hay's book You Can Heal Your Life shares an interesting perspective on how you can manage your physical health by looking at your emotional self.

Journaling Prompts

- In what ways do you connect with your inner truth and inner wisdom? How can you introduce these spiritual practices into your daily routine?
- What are you illuminating on your spiritual path? What (or who) guides you on your way?
- In what ways can you retreat from your external world and focus within?

Suggested Card Combinations

Hermit + Hanged Man – Delaying or suspending activities to look for deeper meaning or spiritual awakening first.

Hermit + Judgement – A significant spiritual awakening after a period of self-reflection.

Hermit + Four of Cups – Withdrawing and becoming introverted and meditative.

Hermit + Eight of Cups – Escaping day-to-day life to search for deeper meaning.

Hermit + Four of Swords – Contemplation and stillness of mind.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The reversed Hermit can go one of two ways: you are not taking enough time for personal reflection, or you are taking too much. If you struggle to connect with your spiritual self, the Hermit reversed encourages you to create more space to meditate and reflect. It is time to go deeper into your inner being and rediscover your greater purpose on this earth. You may have been so busy dealing with the day-to-day issues that you have forgotten to listen to your inner voice. The Hermit asks you to search deep within your soul to help you find your way again and focus on rebuilding yourself on a spiritual level.

If you have already been spending a lot of time reflecting on your inner self, then the reversed Hermit may suggest that you may be taking this isolation thing too far. Are you becoming a literal hermit and cutting yourself off from others? Do not underestimate the value of staying connected with others, even while you are going through your spiritual journey. Be mindful, too, of other people's needs. You do not want to become so absorbed in yourself and your personal dilemmas that you shut out your family and friends.

In a relationship reading, the reversed Hermit can indicate unwelcome isolation. For example, one person may want to be alone or withdraw from the relationship, while the other wants to deepen the connection. You will need to respect each other's request for space but also be there to support as appropriate. Alternatively, the idea of being on your own is so daunting and unappealing at this time that you do everything in your power to stay together.

Despite the relationship's challenges, neither one of you wants to be apart from each other. It is almost too soon to be apart and you still both want to work things out together. If you have separated, then the Hermit reversed may show that you are ready to explore a reconnection.

Suggested Card Combinations

Hermit reversed + Moon – Inner fears and anxieties are driving you as you refuse to draw your attention inward.

Hermit reversed + Four of Pentacles – Your quest for material possession is at the expense of your spiritual connectedness.

Hermit reversed + Five of Pentacles – Isolation but at the risk of losing your connection with others.

X. WHEEL OF FORTUNE

KEYWORDS

Upright: Good luck, karma, life cycles, destiny, a turning point.

Reversed: Bad luck, resistance to change, breaking cycles.

QUOTES

"Tempt not the stars, young man, thou canst not play with the severity of fate." – John Ford (dramatist)

"Luck is taking a chance when you have a choice…destiny is making a choice when you are given the chance." – Author Unknown

DESCRIPTION

The Wheel of Fortune card shows a giant wheel, with three figures on the outer edges. Four Hebrew letters – YHVH (Yod Heh Vau Heh), the unpronounceable name of God – are inscribed on the wheel's face. There are also the letters TORA, thought to be a version of the word Torah, meaning 'law', or TAROT, or even ROTA (Latin for 'wheel'). The middle wheel has the alchemical symbols for mercury, sulphur, water and salt – the building blocks of life and the four elements – and represents formative power.

On the outer circle is a snake, the Egyptian god Typhon (the god of evil), descending on the left side. The snake also represents the life force plunging into the material world. On the right side rises the Anubis, the Egyptian God of the dead who welcomes souls to the underworld. And on top of the wheel sits the Sphinx, representing knowledge and strength.

In the corners of the Wheel of Fortune card are four winged creatures, each associated with the four fixed signs of the Zodiac: the angel is Aquarius, the eagle is Scorpio, the lion is Leo, and the bull is Taurus. Their wings signify stability amidst movement and change, and each holds the Torah, representing wisdom.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Wheel of Fortune reminds you that the wheel is always turning and life is in a state of constant change. If you're going through a difficult time rest assured that it will get better from here. Good luck and good fortune will make their return in time. Similarly, if things are going well, know this, too, will change and life may return to 'normal' soon. This cycle shows why it is so important to cherish the blissful moments in your life and make the most of them while they are within reach – because in a flash they could be gone.

The Wheel of Fortune is also known as the wheel of karma and reminds you that 'what goes around comes around.' Be a kind and loving person to others, and they'll be kind and loving to you. Be nasty and mean, and you will get nasty and mean turning back your way. So, if you want happiness and abundance, make sure you're sending out that positive juju in kind. What you send out into the Universe will come back your way.

The Wheel of Fortune card asks you to be optimistic and have faith that the Universe will take care of your situation in the best way possible. Meditation and visualisation can reinforce your intention to bring increased abundance, good fortune and prosperity to you. Your life is about to turn in more positive directions if you are willing to grow and expand. Keep your mind open to all kinds of synchronicities and signs from the Universe. The magic of fate and destiny is behind you, and miracles are happening.

Be open to the help of others, too, as guidance from both the physical and spiritual realms is supporting you along your journey. They want you to do well, so relish their support right now. Call on them any time you need it. You may also feel compelled to work with the archangels and ascended masters to support and guide you.

If you are someone who likes to have control and stability, then the Wheel of Fortune may come as a shock to the system. This Tarot card suggests that factors outside your control are influencing your situation. It is as though the Universe is dishing up whatever it pleases; it's unpredictable and unnerving. This is one of the challenging aspects of the Wheel of Fortune since no matter which way the Wheel turns, it is impossible to try to change it. You need to accept what is happening and adapt. Go with the flow!

Finally, the Wheel of Fortune can show a critical turning point in your life. Opportunities you could never imagine are suddenly available to you, and you have the chance to make a significant change in your life. While it may be unexpected and unfamiliar, see this as an invitation to turn things around and take an entirely new direction in your life. The more you tune in to your intuition and allow the Universe to guide you, the better the outcomes will be.

Career, Work and Finances

In a work-related reading, the Wheel of Fortune can indicate significant changes, such as a restructuring, relocation or new job opportunities. On a personal level, it may signify a career change or an opportunity that comes out of the blue.

In a financial reading, the Wheel of Fortune may suggest you are coming into wealth unexpectedly. You may also be more likely to trade in the stock market, but you will need to understand your risk profile as share prices will fluctuate and you need to know when to hold, sell or buy.

Personality Types

The Wheel of Fortune personality is spontaneous, 'in flow', flexible and open to change. This person has faith in the Universe and believes in luck, fate and destiny. This person may also be a gambler, ready to take a few risks and try their luck.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, then the Wheel of Fortune suggests your luck has turned, and you are meeting more suitable or potential partners. Be open to new experiences and let fate take you in a new direction.

In an established relationship, the Wheel of Fortune can be a sign that you are 'on again, off again' and your relationship is open to change. This may become a little exhausting unless, of course, you love spontaneity and can go with the flow.

If your relationship is struggling, the Wheel may suggest that you are at a turning point and the relationship might need to be renegotiated, as it no longer meets your needs. Have an open discussion with your partner to talk through your options and what needs to change.

Spirituality

On a spiritual level, the Wheel of Fortune teaches you the law of cycles and karma. There will always be ups and downs in life, and you can reach higher levels of spiritual attainment by appreciating each part of the cycle, good or bad, and learning from these experiences.

You may also be called to connect with your spirit guides and angels, trusting that they hold your best interests at heart. Stay open to their guidance and surrender to the Universe, knowing it has your back.

Well-being and Health

The Wheel of Fortune is a good omen that your health is on an upward cycle. If you have been experiencing health issues, then expect to feel better soon. Remember, too, that this card

speaks to cycles and karma, so make sure that you are taking the right actions now to create good health for the future. Go back to the basics of proper nutrition, rest and exercise.

Journaling Prompts

- What have you learned from the ups and downs in your life?
- How do you feel about change? Do you resist, or go with the flow?
- What patterns or cycles are repeating in your life?
- What energy are you putting out into the world? How is it flowing back to you?

Suggested Card Combinations

Wheel of Fortune + Fool – A change in events requires you to step out into an unknown but exciting world.

Wheel of Fortune + Chariot reversed – Assuming that life is out of your control.

Wheel of Fortune + Temperance – The peaceful outcome of change in your life will be beneficial over the long term.

Wheel of Fortune + Eight of Wands – A rapid pace of change and a positive turn in events.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

When the Wheel of Fortune is reversed, your luck and fortune may take a turn for the worst. You may experience unexpected change or negative forces could be at play, leaving you helpless. You have a choice: you can do nothing and hope things will get better, or you can act to improve your situation. See this moment as your opportunity to take control of your destiny and get your life back on track.

Changing your destiny starts with accepting responsibility for where you are now. Consider what role your earlier actions have played in your present circumstances. Even when you think everything is beyond your control, there is often something you could have done differently that might have changed where you are now. What can you learn from this situation and how can you apply it to your future life, so you don't end up making the same mistakes?

The reversed Wheel of Fortune can also reflect resistance to change, particularly if you feel it forced upon you. This card suggests that change has become a source of significant stress, and you may be trying to consciously or subconsciously stop events from running their course. Accept that change is inevitable and you will have a much-improved experience when you can go with the flow.

On the positive side, the reversed Wheel of Fortune might mean that you are finally breaking a negative cycle that has been present in your life. Perhaps you have realised how your actions have created a repetitive situation and are now ready to break free from the cycle. For some, this may flow naturally following a period of introspection and self-discovery. For others, things may need to hit rock bottom before you are ready to see what is no longer serving you (especially if the Devil or Tower is in your reading).

Suggested Card Combinations

Wheel of Fortune reversed + Tower reversed – Major change is sweeping through, but you are not allowing yourself to experience this transition thoroughly to learn from it.

Wheel of Fortune reversed + Four of Swords – Events are unfolding at a plodding pace.

Wheel of Fortune reversed + Five of Wands – Resistance to change is creating tension and conflict with others.

XI. JUSTICE

KEYWORDS

Upright: Justice, fairness, truth, cause and effect, law.

Reversed: Unfairness, lack of accountability, dishonesty.

QUOTES

"The time is always right to do what is right." – Martin Luther King Jr.

"Justice is truth in action." – Benjamin Disraeli

"I'm for truth, no matter who tells it. I'm for justice, no matter who it's for or against." – Malcolm X

DESCRIPTION

The figure of Justice sits in front of a loosely hung purple veil, signifying compassion, and between two pillars, similar to those framing the High Priestess and the Hierophant, which symbolise balance, law and structure.

She holds a sword in her right hand, showing the logical, well-ordered mindset necessary to dispense fair justice. The sword points upwards – expressing a firm and final decision – and the double-edged blade signifies that our actions always carry consequences. The scales in her left (intuitive) hand, show intuition must balance that logic and are a symbol of her impartiality. Justice wears a crown with a small square on it representing well-ordered thoughts, and a red robe with a green mantle. A little white shoe pops out from beneath her clothing as a reminder of the spiritual consequences of your actions.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Justice card represents justice, fairness, truth and the law. You are being called to account for your actions and will be judged accordingly. If you have acted in alignment with your Higher Self and for the greater good of others, you have nothing to worry about. However, if you haven't, you will be called out and made to own up to your actions. If this has you shaking in your boots, know that the Justice card isn't as black and white as you may think. A level of compassion and understanding accompany Justice, and although you may have done something you regret, this card suggests that you will be treated fairly and without bias. Be ready to take responsibility for your actions and stand accountable for the ensuing consequences.

If you seek justice, then the Justice card is a positive sign that it will indeed be served. You may be part of a legal case or awaiting final judgement from the courts or a governing body or institution. A ruling will be passed down shortly. Once the decision is made, you must accept it and move on; there are no retrials or second chances with the upright Justice card.

The Justice card often appears when you need to make an important choice with the potential for long-term repercussions. Be aware of the impact your decisions will have on your well-being and the well-being of others. Choose consciously by connecting with your inner guidance system (your intuition) and asking for the answer that is most in alignment with the highest good of all. Be ready to stand by your decisions as you will be held to account for the choices you make. You need to ask yourself, "Do I stand by my decisions and accept the consequences of my actions?" If you cannot, then dig deeper, plunging into the shadows of what is right and wrong, until you find the place where you can stand in integrity and strength.

At its core, Justice is about the search for truth. As you explore your truth, you will discover that things are not as clear-cut as you had thought. Be prepared to dip into the murky waters and explore what truth means to you. Be consciously aware of what you believe to be true and what you believe to be fair and ethical. It may not be as clear-cut as you think, so prepare to challenge yourself and to explore new territories of your belief system.

Career, Work and Finances

In a work-related reading, the Justice card suggests you need to make a serious decision that will affect others, and you must remain impartial. You also need to be accountable for your actions in the workplace and might be part of a review to make sure that everything is operating 'by the book'.

In a financial reading, the Justice card says that you need to manage your finances carefully through budgets and forward planning. You will get what you deserve, so if you have been

investing and saving, you will likely be rewarded for it – but if you have been spending and getting yourself in debt, be careful that you do not let it get out of control!

Personality Types

The Justice personality is very straightforward and fair. On the positive side, this personality type speaks the truth and assesses situations from a very balanced and impartial perspective. You know you can trust her to give you a view grounded in reality. On the negative side, she can be inflexible, particularly if she's homed in on sticking to the rules. What you see is what you get with Justice!

Relationships and Love

In a relationship reading, the Justice card indicates that it's decision time. You have the information you need to decide whether the relationship is right for you and need to make tough decisions. Ultimately, you and your partner have to account for your past actions and find your vision for the relationship.

Given its connection with the legal system, the Justice card may indicate a marriage, a de facto agreement, a prenuptial agreement or even signing a lease or home purchase together. On the negative side, it may be a divorce or legal separation. It is likely that you have sought legal advice or are abiding by the law.

On a more esoteric level, the Justice card reflects that your relationships are just and fair, but you need to accept accountability for your actions. If you have not treated your partner well, do not expect to be treated well yourself. On the flipside, if you have invested a lot of time and energy into the relationship, you will see it coming back to you in a positive way.

Spirituality

On a spiritual level, Justice represents harmony and balance. You must be able to choose between right and wrong to create a healthy and sustainable lifestyle for yourself and others. If you are feeling out of balance, look at areas of excess in your life and decide where more harmony and equilibrium can replace the turmoil.

Well-being and Health

In a health reading, the Justice card warns you to pay attention to what you are doing to your body now and how it may impact your health later. Smoking, excessive drinking or drug-taking may bring immediate satisfaction, but we all know the damage it will do to your health in the long run. You need to weigh the pros and cons of giving in to your immediate desires and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Journaling Prompts

- What is my truth? How do I know it to be true?
- What requires me to make a decision right now? How can I make a fair and balanced choice?
- What are the consequences of my decisions?
- Do I stand by my decisions 100%?

Suggested Card Combinations

Justice + Two of Cups – A legal marriage.

Justice + Three of Pentacles – Working with a team of legal professionals to resolve an issue.

Justice + Nine of Swords – Guilt over the past and acknowledgement of your mistakes.

Justice + Three of Wands – Entering a business agreement or enterprise and signing the legal documentation to formalise it.

Justice + Ten of Wands – Accepting responsibility and being accountable, even if it means added burden.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The reversed Justice card can suggest that internally, you know you've done something that isn't morally right. Others may not see it yet, so you have a choice: you can hide it and hope no-one finds out, or you can own up to your mistakes and take focused action to resolve the situation. Whichever you choose, you will need to live with the consequences on your conscience, so go with what feels right for you.

Similarly, Justice reversed suggests that you are not willing to take full accountability for your actions and may try to 'dodge the bullet' and blame others for your mistakes. You are being dishonest with yourself and others – and your unwillingness to look beyond your own fears and ego blinds you to the broader lesson. Assess your situation once more, this time intending to discover where you can accept responsibility. Once you acknowledge where you made a mistake, do whatever you can to make it right again. In doing so, you will free yourself from any guilt or shame and empower yourself to make better decisions.

The reversed Justice card can indicate your inner critic is in full effect. You may be evaluating your every move and coming down hard on yourself when you misstep. If this resonates, start from a place of forgiveness and self-acceptance. Show yourself a bit of kindness and

compassion, knowing we all make mistakes. Thank your inner critic for bringing this private judgement to your conscious awareness, and trust you can now clear it away.

If you are making an important decision that will impact others, be aware if you are holding on to any prejudice or bias that could sway your decision unfairly. You may need to source more information to make a balanced decision or shine the light on your own personal judgements.

If you are engaged in a legal matter, you may fear an unfair outcome, or dispute the final judgement, calling into question the legal process. There may be legal complications or something that impedes justice being served.

Suggested Card Combinations

Justice reversed + Two of Swords – Avoiding the truth or failing to make a final decision on the matter.

Justice reversed + Five of Swords – A lack of integrity and not doing what is right by others.

Justice reversed + Knight of Swords – Fighting against injustice by speaking out publicly.

Justice reversed + Seven of Swords – Shirking responsibility and trying to get away with something you know you should not.

XII. THE HANGED MAN

KEYWORDS

Upright: Pause, surrender, letting go, new perspectives.

Reversed: Delays, resistance, stalling, indecision.

QUOTES

"If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change." – Wayne Dyer

"No problem can be solved from the same level of consciousness that created it." – Albert Einstein

"Surrender means, by definition, giving up attachment to results. When we surrender to God, we let go of our attachment to how things happen on the outside and we become more concerned with what happens on the inside."

– Marianne Williamson (spiritual lecturer)

DESCRIPTION

The Hanged Man shows a man suspended from a T-shaped cross made of living wood. He is hanging upside-down, viewing the world from a completely different perspective, and his facial expression is calm and serene, suggesting that he is in this hanging position by his own choice. He has a halo around his head, symbolising new insight, awareness and enlightenment. His right foot is bound to the tree, but his left foot remains free, bent at the knee and tucked in behind his right leg. His arms are bent, with hands held behind his back, forming an inverted triangle. The man is wearing red pants representing human passion and the physical body, and a blue vest for knowledge. The Hanged Man is the card of ultimate surrender, of being suspended in time and of martyrdom and sacrifice to the greater good.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Hanged Man reminds you that sometimes you have to put everything on hold before you can take the next step, or the Universe will do it on your behalf (and it may not always be at the most convenient time!). You may have heard the saying, 'What got you here won't get you there', and that indeed is at play in this card. The Hanged Man calls you to release the old mental models and behavioural patterns that no longer serve you so you can see your world from a new perspective and embrace new opportunities that would have otherwise been hidden from you if you didn't hit the brakes.

Here's the thing. These 'pauses' can be voluntary or involuntary. If you're in tune with your intuition, you'll start to have a sense for when it's time to hit the brakes and put things on hold – before things get out of hand. But if you're out of alignment and oblivious to those intuitive signs, the Universe will probably put things on hold for you, in the form of continued obstacles, ill-health, and breakdowns. When you sense the 'pause' coming, pay attention to it; otherwise the Universe will turn up the volume until you can't ignore it any longer.

When the Hanged Man appears in a Tarot reading, your projects and activities may be coming to an unexpected and abrupt halt. Don't keep pushing forward, hoping that more force will drive you to where you want to go. Instead, surrender to the opportunity to pause and view it as your chance to reassess and re-evaluate where you are on your path. Something new is emerging, and you won't be able to see it unless you allow the time and space for it to come through.

The Hanged Man is your invitation to welcome these 'pauses' with open arms and surrender to the 'what is' – even if it is different from what you expected. Take time away from your routine to connect with a new way of thinking and seeing. Sure, you might have to put important projects on hold while you do this (and it might be super inconvenient) but trust me, it'll be worth it. This is the Universe's way of helping you see new perspectives and preparing you for the next uplevelling that is happening in your life. If you push or resist, you will meet more obstacles along the way; instead, 'allow' the opportunities to flow smoothly and effortlessly to you.

The Hanged Man can sometimes reflect that you are feeling stuck or restricted in your life. What is holding you in this 'stuck' position? What is preventing you from moving forward? On one level, the Hanged Man is asking you to surrender and let go. Instead of investing in specific outcomes or resisting your current circumstances, accept them and allow yourself to flow with life. On another level, you are being called to change your perspective and shift your energy and may find that separating yourself from your everyday life is helpful, whether it's going for a walk in nature, going on a retreat or moving to a new country. Change up your routine so you can start to shift your energy and flow more freely again.

Career, Work and Finances

In a work-related reading, the Hanged Man suggests that projects are on hold, perhaps as you wait for funding, a reorganisation, or reprioritisation. Use this time to your advantage, to gain a new perspective on an old problem and develop a better solution. If you are stuck on an issue and unsure about how to fix it, step away from your desk and find a more creative space where the ideas can flow.

This may also be when you wish to take a sabbatical from work to rest and re-energise. You may even be inclined to rethink your career path and consider a career change.

In a financial reading, the Hanged Man asks you to pause and reconsider the full picture. For example, if you have been investing in one particular area, you may need to hold off on further investments until you have thoroughly reviewed your financial strategy. There may also be delays in receiving money that you have been expecting, but this delay will give you an opportunity to see things in a different light.

Personality Types

The Hanged Man personality is someone who is contemplative, meditative and reflective. This person can step away from a situation without attachment and look at things from a new perspective. He may be someone who is highly creative and can think outside the box, quickly finding an alternative solution to a challenging problem.

The Hanged Man personality is also someone in tune with his intuition, who knows when to put a hold on something if it doesn't seem right. It may be a little frustrating for others who prefer to follow a plan and stick to it, but in the end, the Hanged Man prevails because he listens to his inner guidance and knows when to change course at the perfect moment.

Relationships and Love

If you are searching for love, the Hanged Man suggests you might need to put your search on hold and re-evaluate what you are looking for in a partner. If you have been busy dating, you may need to take a break so you can ground yourself and reconnect with your vision of whom you want to attract. You may also need a new approach to finding love, which will only become clear to you when to take a break.

When the Hanged Man shows up concerning a long-term relationship, it suggests that the relationship is 'on hold' or stuck. You are trying to work out what you want and if it's right for you. Perhaps it has never really been clear where the relationship is going or whether you both want the same things. Now may be a good time to take a break from one another so you can gain some perspective.

Spirituality

In a spiritual reading, the Hanged Man is a sign that you are taking a moment to pause and reflect whether you are on the right journey. You see the bigger picture and realise that you need a different approach to your spiritual path. This is a critical time as you think about the bigger questions in life: what is my purpose, why am I here, what have I been brought here to do? You sense that you have a higher purpose but are still working through what that is.

Well-being and Health

If your health and well-being have been troubling you, the Hanged Man is your sign to take a break and step back from your everyday life. You may have to take an extended leave of absence from your work to focus on your health and restore your energy. You may also need to reconsider your health plan and get a second opinion to make sure it's right for you.

Journaling Prompts

- In what areas of my life can I practice surrender?
- What do I need to put on hold right now so that something new can emerge?
- What new perspectives are developing right now?

Suggested Card Combinations

Hanged Man + Strength – Building your inner strength by holding off action or taking your time.

Hanged Man + Devil – Eliminating bad habits will be possible via a 'cold turkey' approach.

Hanged Man + Four of Cups – Taking a step back from the outer world to understand deeper needs.

Hanged Man + Two of Swords – Negotiations have stalled, bringing about a period of stagnation.

Hanged Man + Eight of Swords – Playing the 'victim' and being trapped by inhibiting beliefs.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The upright Hanged Man encourages you to pause for a moment and see things from a different perspective. Reversed, this card can show that you know you need to hit the pause button, but you are resisting it. Instead, you fill your days with tasks and projects, keeping busy and distracting yourself from the actual issue that needs your attention. Your spirit and body are asking you to slow down, but your mind keeps racing. Stop and rest before it's too late. The Universe will only dial up the volume if you ignore it, and as a result, you may end up crashing. So, as soon as you hear the call, clear your schedule and make the space so you can tune in and listen.

You may already be in a position where everything has been put on hold, much to your frustration. The reversal of the Hanged Man can indicate a time when you're getting blocked, stuck or restricted because other people or other circumstances have left you on hold. While you feel resistant, it's important that you surrender to 'what is' and let go of your attachment to how things should be. Be in flow with life, even if it's not as you expected it (seriously, when does it ever go exactly as you expected!?), and loosen your grip.

If your life has already been on pause for a period, the reversed Hanged Man may come as a positive sign that you can now move forward with a new perspective and a renewed sense of energy. You may find that events line up with more ease and flow, and you're ready to go again. There may have been a break-through or stark realisation about how you need to do things differently. You're prepared to make those changes and move ahead with a new mindset.

In a reading where a relationship is on hold, the Hanged Man reversed suggests that you are content to wait around… to a point. You realise that this relationship will evolve and, due to its complexities, you cannot rush it. However, you also do not want to wait forever, and you acknowledge that there will come a time when you must decide.

The reversed Hanged Man can also signal that you are stalling a decision or action. You may think you're waiting until you feel 100% ready – but guess what? You're probably never going to be 100% ready. So, what are you waiting for? Take the leap! Make that decision! Do it before the Universe decides it can't wait for you.

Suggested Card Combinations

Hanged Man reversed + Magician – You feel compelled to act, even if obstacles stand in your way.

Hanged Man reversed + Justice – You may worry that you are the victim of injustice and unable to influence the situation.

Hanged Man reversed + Seven of Wands – Acting defiantly and standing up to your opposition.

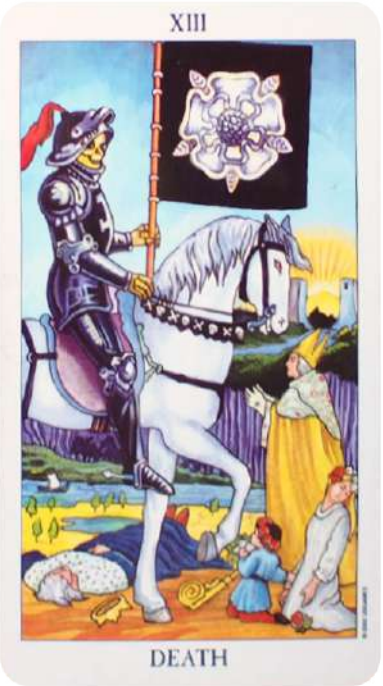
Hanged Man reversed + Eight of Wands – Any delays will soon give way to swift action and quick response times. Be prepared for the change of events!

XIII. DEATH

KEYWORDS

Upright: Endings, change, transformation, transition.

Reversed: Resistance to change, personal transformation, inner purging.



QUOTES

"A sun sets, a day is born." – Maori proverb

"Life and death are illusions. We are in a constant state of transformation." Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu

"The call of death is a call of love. Death can be sweet if we answer it in the affirmative, if we accept it as one of the great eternal forms of life and transformation." – Hermann Hesse (author)

DESCRIPTION

The Death card shows the Messenger of Death – a skeleton dressed in black armour, riding a white horse. The skeleton represents the part of the body which survives long after life has left it; the armour symbolises invincibility and that death will come no matter what. Its dark colour is that of mourning and the mysterious, while the horse is the colour of purity and acts as a symbol of strength and power. Death carries a black flag decorated with a white, five-petal rose, reflecting beauty, purification and immortality and the number five representing change. Together, these symbols reveal that death isn't just about life ending. Death is about endings and beginnings, birth and rebirth, change and transformation. There is beauty in death, and it is an inherent part of being alive.

A royal figure appears to be dead on the ground, while a young woman, child and bishop plead with the skeletal figure to spare them. But, as we all know, death spares no one.

In the background, a boat floats down the river, akin to the mythological boats escorting the dead to the afterlife. On the horizon, the sun sets between two towers (which also appear in

the Moon Tarot card), in a sense dying each night and being reborn every morning.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Death card is probably the most feared and misunderstood of all the cards in the Tarot deck. Just mention the card's name and most people freak out, worried they will suddenly keel over and die as soon as this card appears. Relax! The Death card can be one of the most positive cards in the deck.

After a period of pause and reflection with the Hanged Man, the Death card symbolises the end of a major phase or aspect of your life that you realise is no longer serving you, opening up the possibility of something far more valuable and essential. You must close one door to open another. You need to put the past behind you and part ways, ready to embrace new opportunities and possibilities. It may be difficult to let go of the past, but you will soon see its importance and the promise of renewal and transformation. If you resist these necessary endings, you may experience pain, both emotionally and physically, but if you exercise your imagination and visualise a new possibility, you allow more constructive patterns to emerge.

Similarly, Death shows a time of significant transformation, change and transition. You need to transform yourself and clear away the old to bring in the new. Any change should be welcomed as a positive, cleansing, transformational force in your life. The death and clearing away of limiting factors can open the door to a broader, more satisfying experience of life.

The Death card has elements of a sudden and unexpected change. Death happens to everyone, no matter who you are, how much money you have, where you live, or what colour your skin is; it is the same with a significant change. So, the Death card can be a sign you may feel as though you are caught in the path of sweeping change and cannot escape its effects (especially if accompanied by the Tower or the Hanged Man). Although the upheaval may seem unwanted and painful, this massive change could bring with it a series of unexpected surprises that create new opportunities and advantages for you.

Finally, Death is a sign that you need to learn to let go of unhealthy attachments in your life to pave the way to a fuller, more fulfilled life of deeper meaning and significance. Death teaches you to let go of outworn and outgrown ways of life and to move forward from them. This is a perfect card to break a bad habit or pattern of behaviour. See this as a time to cut out excess and let go of what is unnecessary for your life. Purge the old belongings, memories and baggage that are getting in your way.

Career, Work and Finances

In a work-related reading, the Death card suggests major changes in your work environment. A significant organisational change may affect you, such as restructuring or strategic refocus, which will force you to move in a new direction. Or, you may need to say goodbye to a close colleague or bring a significant project to an end. While you may be dismayed by these changes, they will bring you into a new phase of life and help you in ways you could never have foreseen.

The Death card also suggests that you are considering a significant change in your career, perhaps by changing careers or moving jobs. You are looking for something new and are ready to bring this phase of your working life to completion. There may also be a need to change your approach to finding work or even look in a different field.

Financially, expect big changes in your financial situation. You may struggle with an involuntary loss of income as your job may be cut back, or your investments aren't performing. It might be time to cut your losses and move on, making a clean break and starting anew.

Personality Types

Death is someone who is open to change and ready to cut ties with anything that doesn't serve him to make way for new beginnings. This person may be minimalistic in approach, carrying minimal baggage from the past. He talks about life in terms of new beginnings and new opportunities and appears to be transformed by a significant life change. This person may be more willing to take a risk to pursue a new goal or let go of something that's no longer serving him.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, the Death card suggests a major change is on its way. You may go through a purging process, particularly if you are still affected by a past relationship, and you are at the point in life when you know you must let go of the past to find the right relationship.

If you are just starting a new relationship, the Death card suggests that the two of you have come into it having experienced a significant change in your lives. You have both had a critical period, phase or cycle recently come to an end, opening the door to new opportunities. It just happened to be that you both met each other at a perfect time when you were both closing one chapter and were ready to start a new one. You are both open to exploring new territories and are now more available to each other than you might have been a few months ago. Death shows that you are ready to embrace change and transformation in your lives, whatever direction you take.

In a more established relationship, the Death card also reflects change – however, in this case, it may play out in one of two ways. First, if you have been struggling in the relationship, Death heralds a new perspective and a willingness to let go of the negativities of the past

and embrace a new way of relating to each other. Look to other cards in the reading to understand if this is a possibility. If you have already explored all avenues, and it feels as if the relationship will never change, then it may be time to go your separate ways. You may have already realised that the relationship has reached its end. The most important facet of the Death card is that it heralds positive change and new beginnings, so while it's frightening to step into the unknown by ending a long-term relationship, this may be a necessary step in your personal transformation.

Spirituality

Death reflects a need for personal change and transformation by purging yourself of those aspects of yourself that are no longer healthy or beneficial to your soul. If you are experiencing challenges, focus on instilling a positive attitude and know this difficult time shall pass. Embrace the new and allow a fresh way of thinking to enter your life.

Well-being and Health

Seeing the Death card in a health reading can be worrying – but do not be afraid! This card rarely indicates actual death and is often a sign of a necessary transformation in progress. You are going through sweeping changes in your life, in which you have had to lay to rest one chapter of your life to pursue a new one. If you have been battling with a life change, you may still be coming to terms with it, and that could impact your physical health. Try to deal with the emotional side of change to help ease the physical side. Keep your stress levels manageable and take on issues as they arise.

If you are subject to unwanted habits such as smoking or excessive drinking, now is the time to kick that habit by going 'cold turkey' and putting in place long-term measures to prevent any setbacks.

Journaling Prompts

- What is ending in your life? What is beginning?
- What do you need to let go of or release so you can start over and live the life you want to live?
- What does Death teach you about life?

Suggested Card Combinations

Death + Fool – A fresh start and a new journey.

Death + Devil – Bringing an end to a bad habit or unhealthy pattern of behaviour.

Death + Tower – Major change because of powerful and intense forces, creating a significant impact.

Death + Judgement – Self-evaluation, rebirth, and making a fresh start.

Death + Five of Cups – Saying goodbye with a sense of loss and regret.

Death + Eight of Cups – Walking away from an emotional situation that cannot be resolved.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

Upright, Death is a card of transformation and typically refers to needing to start over by letting go of the past. In the reversed position, Death can mean that you are on the verge of meaningful change but are resisting it. You may be reluctant to let go, or you may not know how to make the change you need. You still carry harmful viewpoints from the past that may interfere with a new opportunity. Because of your refusal, life has stagnated, and you feel stuck in limbo.

Death reversed offers you the opportunity to embrace change rather than resist it. See what wonderful possibilities become available to you as you say 'yes' to change. As you learn to release the past and surrender to the present, the future becomes even brighter. To support the process, repeat this affirmation: "I embrace change in all forms." You'll be surprised at how this subtle shift in energy allows new doors to open in ways you may never have expected.

On a deeper level, the reversed Death card can show that you are going through a massive personal transformation, often in private and out of view from others. You are releasing what no longer serves you so that you can make space for the new to emerge. Draw a follow-up card to understand better what you need to release and purge, or examine the other cards in the reading. You may be removing fear and limiting beliefs; you may be changing your habits; or, you may undergo a physical purging and transformation with plant medicine or other spiritual healing. You may not want to share this with others just yet – wait until your personal transformation has occurred, then share your story as a source of inspiration.

Suggested Card Combinations

Death reversed + Hanged Man – Life is on hold as you resist change and transformation.

Death reversed + Four of Cups – A new opportunity is being offered, but you are still too caught up in the past to see this as an opportunity.

Death reversed + Six of Cups – You have become overly nostalgic and focused on the past and are unable to accept the change in your life.

Death reversed + Four of Swords – You are resisting change by withdrawing from your outer world and going within to meditate.

XIV. TEMPERANCE

KEYWORDS

Upright: Balance, moderation, patience, purpose.

Reversed: Imbalance, excess, self-healing, re-alignment.

QUOTES

"Everything in moderation." – Aristotle

"In intuitive balance, love is balanced and detached. In the state of intuitive balance, peace and tranquillity are produced. Without intuitive balance, life is useless." – Sri Guru Granth Sahib

"If one oversteps the bounds of moderation, the greatest pleasures cease to please." – Epictetus

"If the person you are talking to does not appear to be listening, be patient. It may simply be that he has a small piece of fluff in his ear." – Winnie the Pooh

DESCRIPTION

The Temperance card shows a large, winged angel who is both masculine and feminine. She wears a light blue robe with a triangle enclosed in a square on the front, representing that humans (the triangle) are bound by the Earth and natural law (square). The angel balances between one foot on the rocks, expressing the need to stay grounded, and one foot in the water, showing the need to be in flow. She pours water between two cups, symbolic of the flow and alchemy of life.

In the background, there is a winding path up to a mountain range, reflecting the journey through life. Above the mountains hovers a golden crown encased in a glowing light, a symbol of taking the Higher path and staying true to one's life purpose and meaning.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

Temperance is the card for bringing balance, patience and moderation into your life. You are being invited to stabilise your energy and to allow the life force to flow through you without force or resistance. It's time to recover your flow and get your life back into order and balance.

This card calls on you to remain calm, even when life feels stressful or frantic. Maintain an even temperament and manage your emotions. You have learned to keep composed in stressful situations. Little things don't get to you, thanks to your seemingly abundant source of patience. Your respect for balance and tranquillity is what will help you achieve and experience fulfilment in your life.

Temperance asks you to take the middle path and accommodate all perspectives. Now is not the time to be highly opinionated or controversial. Be the peacekeeper and take a balanced and moderate approach, avoiding any extremes. Include others and bring together diverse groups of people to create harmony and cooperation. By working together, you will collectively leverage the right mix of talents, experiences, abilities and skills.

There is alchemy within Temperance. This Tarot card is about blending, mixing, and combining diverse elements in a way that creates something new and even more valuable than its separate parts. 'Blending' can take on many forms; for example, a blended family, an artist who blends different materials or techniques, a bartender who mixes new and exciting cocktails, or a chef who combines different cuisines and cooking styles.

The Temperance card shows that you have a clear, long-term vision of what you want to achieve. You are not rushing things along; instead, you are taking your time to ensure that you do the best job you can. You know you need a moderate, guided approach to reach your goals.

Finally, this card reflects higher learning. You are learning a great deal where you are now and are at peace with what you are doing – it is all coming together well. Your inner voice is guiding you to the right outcome, and you are patiently listening and following.

Career, Work and Finances

Temperance asks you to bring balance, patience, and moderation to your work situation. Stay cool and collected at work, even if others are pushing your buttons right now. And be patient and moderate with others, particularly if you become frustrated when they do not live up to your expectations.

You may also be a mediator at work or someone who brings together people from different departments or functions within the business to complete a project.

If you are contemplating a career change, Temperance suggests that you may be re-examining

your priorities and considering what you need to change to bring about greater balance to your work life. You have often placed work ahead of your personal goals to get ahead, leaving you feeling burned-out and exhausted. You may seek work that integrates more of your spiritual or emotional side and carries a higher purpose. Community work or volunteering may be in the cards!

In a financial reading, Temperance suggests that you need to watch your income and expenses to ensure you have enough cash flow. Keep a balanced budget and be careful not to over-commit to unnecessary purchases or personal loans you know you cannot afford.

Personality Types

The Temperance personality is someone who is very grounded, balanced, patient and moderate in her approach. You will rarely see her become angry, stressed or out of control. Instead, Temperance approaches life with a relaxed demeanour and even when things are getting a little crazy, she remains calm and intent on what needs to get done. This has a very positive effect on others who will often moderate their own behaviour in response.

The Temperance personality also creates balance and harmony in life, rarely drinking or eating to excess, and ensuring that everything is done in moderation. She is likely to live a healthy lifestyle.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, the Temperance card shows that your focus is on finding a relationship that has the potential for marriage. You have assessed your options and understand your strengths and weaknesses. You are now ready to bring the right relationship into your life. As you go about your search for love, you do so in a very moderated, gentle manner, without rushing into things. This card is a good sign you are on the right path, and it will reward you well. Do not lose faith for even if you do not meet someone in the short term, you are serving your higher needs well by not settling for anything less.

In a relationship, Temperance is typically a positive sign that the union works well and you are in harmony with one another. You appreciate each other and acknowledge the value you both bring to the relationship. While you may have your differences, you recognise that they create a beautiful synergy between you and propel the bond even further.

If you are experiencing challenges in your relationship, Temperance asks you to focus on creating balance and moderation in the relationship moving forward. Conflict can only be resolved through compromise and cooperation. If you are both able to acknowledge this, you can address the imbalance before it becomes problematic. So, even in those moments when you want to shout at your partner, Temperance asks you to stay calm and patient. Focus more on building a long-term future together instead of worrying about whether your partner has hung out the washing in the right way! Ultimately, you want this relationship to return to the happy place in which it once was, so bring back a state of balance and moderation, and you

will find it flows much more easily.

Spirituality

Temperance indicates that you are looking for a greater sense of purpose, fulfilment and balance in your life. You have experienced the extremes in the past and learned from the experiences. Now, you want to make sure that you create balance, patience and moderation in all you do. You may have purged yourself of behaviours, thoughts or habits that have not served you well, and you now move forward with a desire to create a healthier lifestyle on many levels (relationships, physical health, spirituality and so on). There may be times when you experience a clash between the old and new you. Accept that you are in a period of transition as the changes you are making to your life now are positive and will be beneficial in the long run.

This is also an important time to meditate and listen to your inner voice to guide you gently to the right outcome. You have a very balanced perspective on your spirituality and are in a superb position to make the right choice. You have weighed the different issues from a holistic point of view and know now what you need to do.

Well-being and Health

Balance and moderation are the keys to good health right now. Look at where you might be out of balance – be it exercise, diet, sleep or stress – and then aim to fix it. Bring harmony between body, mind and spirit, perhaps through yoga, meditation or some other form of exercise. You may enjoy seeing a holistic health practitioner who can assess your overall health and make recommendations for your ongoing well-being.

Journaling Prompts

- Where do you currently have harmony and flow in your life?
- How can you integrate the different aspects of yourself and your life to create balance and harmony?
- What brings you inner peace?

Suggested Card Combinations

Temperance + Tower – Unexpected and significant events in your external environment are challenging your self-control.

Temperance + Star – Artistic inspiration and creative expression that leads to greater self-awareness.

Temperance + Two of Cups – A harmonious and balanced relationship.

Temperance + Three of Pentacles – Cooperation with peers and colleagues and an increased level of teamwork.

Temperance + Nine of Pentacles – Having the wisdom to leave behind excessive and materialistic behaviour while maintaining a sense of security.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

If you have recently experienced a period of excess, the reversed Temperance card is your invitation (or sometimes, your warning signal) to restore balance and moderation as soon as possible. You may have been over-eating, regularly drinking, buying things you can't afford, arguing with loved ones, or engaging in negative thought patterns. These activities are taking you further away from who you are and what you are here to do. So, it is time to stop. As they say, "Everything in moderation!" Or, you may find you need 100% abstinence to break this negative cycle and bring your life back into balance again.

The reversed Temperance card can also be a sign you sense that something is 'off' in your life, creating stress and tension. Life is not flowing as easily as you had hoped or there's a niggling voice from within going, "Wait a second! This doesn't feel right!" You can ignore it and carry on with life as usual. But, heed Temperance's warning: If you stay in this state for too long, that voice will just get louder and louder until you pay attention. Or, you can listen to it now and make the necessary adjustments to find your flow once again. Focus on your long-term vision and higher purpose and seek to align your daily activities with this vision.

Temperance reversed may reflect a period of self-evaluation in which you can re-examine your life priorities. Internally, you may feel called in one direction, but your daily life may not match up to what is emerging. See this as your opportunity to align your higher vibration with your outer world. You may need to change your living arrangements, relationships, career, and daily habits so you can cultivate more balance and purpose in line with your new priorities. Don't be surprised if you run into tension or even conflict as you align your inner and outer worlds; it's a natural part of the process of levelling up and creating positive change.

Similarly, the reversed Temperance card can be a call for profound self-healing. By creating more balance and moderation in your life, you open the possibility for such healing to occur. Given the reversal of this card, you are doing it in a way that is personal and private to you, without the influence of others. You know you have what you need to heal yourself and create more 'flow' in your life.

Suggested Card Combinations

Temperance reversed + Nine of Cups – Excess and overindulgence in life's little pleasures.

Temperance reversed + Five of Pentacles – Ill health as a result of excessive behaviours.

Temperance reversed + Five of Swords – Discord and a lack of harmony with others, leading to a lose-lose situation.

Temperance reversed + Two of Wands reversed – A lack of a long-term vision or plan.

Temperance reversed + Five of Wands – Disagreement and conflict with others and increased competition.

XV. THE DEVIL

KEYWORDS

Upright: Shadow self, attachment, addiction, restriction, sexuality.

Reversed: Releasing limiting beliefs, exploring dark thoughts, detachment.

QUOTES

"Confront the dark parts of yourself, and work to banish them with illumination and forgiveness. Your willingness to wrestle with your demons will cause your angels to sing. Use the pain as fuel, as a reminder of your strength." – August Wilson (author)

"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."– Eleanor Roosevelt (US diplomat)

"Pleasure can be supported by an illusion; but happiness rests upon truth." – Nicolas Chamfort (author)

DESCRIPTION

The Devil card shows Baphomet, or the Horned Goat of Mendes, a creature that is half man, half goat. Baphomet originally represented the balance between good and evil, male and female, and human and animal; however, more recently, this figure has been linked to the occult and has become a scapegoat for all things considered 'evil.'

The Devil has the wings of a vampire bat, an animal that sucks the lifeblood out of its prey, symbolic of what happens when you give in to your raw desires. He has a hypnotic stare which 'magnetises' and entrances those who come near him, bringing them under his power. Above him is an inverted pentagram – a sign of the darker side of magic and occultism. He raises his right hand in the Vulcan Salute – a Jewish blessing, later made famous by the film series, Star Trek. In his left hand, he holds a lit torch.

At the foot of the Devil stand a man and a woman, both naked and chained to the podium on which the Devil sits. They appear to be held here against their will – but look closer, and you will notice that the chains around their necks are loose and could be easily removed. Each has small horns on their head, like the devil's, a sign that they are becoming increasingly like him the longer they stay here. Both have tails, a further symbol of their animalistic tendencies and raw instincts, and the grapes and the fire on their respective tails signify pleasure and lust.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Devil card represents your shadow (or darker) side and the negative forces that constrain you and hold you back from being the best version of yourself. You may be at the effect of negative habits, dependencies, behaviours, thought patterns, relationships, and addictions. You have found yourself trapped between the short-term pleasure you receive and the longer-term pain you experience. Just as the Lovers card speaks to duality and choice, so too does the Devil; however, with the Devil, you are choosing the path of instant gratification, even if it is at the expense of your long-term well-being. In effect, you have sold your soul to the devil!

The Devil card often appears when you have been tricked into thinking you have no control over your shadow self or these negative forces, and that you can never break free from their hold. You believe you need it and you must have it, even if it means going against what you know to be right to obtain it. Deep down, though, you know it's to your detriment, and you are only doing yourself (and often others) a disservice when you cave in to these lower needs and desires. To break free of these negative patterns, you need to acknowledge the hold they have over you and the impact they are having on your life. For example, the first step of Alcoholics Anonymous is an admission: "We admitted we were powerless over alcohol–that our lives had become unmanageable."

When the Devil shows up in a Tarot reading, see it as an opportunity to bring these negative influences into your conscious awareness, so you can then take action to free yourself from their hold. Shine your light on the negative patterns that have been standing in your way for so long, and over time, you will loosen the grip they have on you. Given that the Devil is a Major Arcana card, it is unlikely that you will be free from your addictions and dependencies overnight. It may be a recurring pattern for you, and it will take a tremendous amount of willpower and strength to free yourself from their influence. But know this: it IS possible, and it is up to you to make it happen.

On the positive side, the Devil can also show a powerful attachment between two people, such as a mum and her newborn, or a new romance still in its 'honeymoon phase'. Be careful, though, because, with the Devil card, this healthy attachment can turn into an unhealthy, co-dependent relationship if you lose connection with your inner guidance or don't protect

your personal boundaries.

The Devil can also represent sexuality and your wild side. You may be exploring bondage, fetishes and your deepest, darkest fantasies. If you can do this within a safe, sacred space, it can be a very enriching experience. However, it has the potential to turn into something that may be unsafe or detrimental to your well-being in the long-term, so again, set clear boundaries, choose your partners wisely and have your 'safe words' ready to go.

Career, Work and Finances

Sometimes, the Devil suggests the 'golden handcuffs', financial incentives that discourage you from leaving the company. In a work-related reading, the Devil suggests that you feel trapped in a job you dislike but cannot see a way out because of the job security or financial rewards that come with it. Consider whether the trade-offs are worth it, given the negative impact on your personal well-being. And remember, often you can negotiate better pay and conditions elsewhere and have more freedom than you realise.

Financially, you may find yourself bound by contracts or agreements that restrict you from accessing your funds when in need. Make sure you read the fine print before signing to make sure that you do not get caught out! Be wary, too, of overspending or getting yourself into too much debt that you know you cannot repay. The consequences of such excess are likely to be unpleasant, and you will receive minimal support to get you out of trouble.

Personality Types

The Devil personality is prone to highly addictive behaviour and co-dependency. He pays little mind to balance or moderation, indulging in excess and intense experiences instead. He is a very intense individual who is obsessive and on the lookout for the next ultimate experience, even if it comes at the expense of his longer-term health and well-being.

On the flipside, this personality may be more like the two figures in the card who feel helpless and at the Devil's mercy. This individual may believe himself a powerless victim, suffering because of the abusive actions of another person. This person is more prone to being taken advantage of and ends up attracting many adverse situations, including abusive or co-dependent relationships, bad habits, addictions and ill health.

Relationships and Love

If you are single, you no doubt are enjoying an active sex life with multiple partners. Your interactions are fuelled by lust and raw attraction rather than love or mutual connection. Expect one-night stands, hot and passionate affairs and lots of flirtatious behaviour. You may be revelling in this energy, or you may be growing tired of the meaningless relationships and sexual encounters and crave something different.

If you are in a long-term relationship, the Devil card can indicate an unhealthy co-

dependency. There could be issues of abuse, addiction or an imbalance of power. Often, this card will appear in a relationship reading where there is little that can be done but to end an unhappy relationship. Remember that you always have choices.

Sometimes, the Devil can represent a tight bond between two individuals. Look for other positive cards, such as the Lovers or Two of Cups, and tune into your intuition to find if the relationship is in alignment with your Highest Good.

Spirituality

When the Devil card appears in a spiritual reading, know that you need to free yourself from your limiting beliefs and negative patterns. You are giving in to your short-term needs and desires at the expense of your inner well-being and fulfilment. Tune in to your internal guidance system and stay aligned with your Higher Self to make better choices.

You may also be constructively exploring your shadow self. Use this opportunity to understand your darker side and negative behaviours, and in doing so, free yourself from their grip.

Well-being and Health

The Devil is a sign you are grappling with addiction and dependency, such as drug or alcohol abuse, over-eating, or smoking, and it is hurting your health. While it may bring you pleasure in the short-term, it is detrimental to your health in the long run. You must deal with these negative cycles and addictions so you can restore your health and well-being. You may need to take part in a recovery or support program to overcome your dependency.

Journaling Prompts

- What limiting beliefs are blocking your path to success?
- In what ways have you created co-dependent relationships with your loved ones? How can you create a healthy relationship?
- How would you describe your darker, shadow self?

Suggested Card Combinations

Devil + Chariot – A high level of ambition and drive will lead you to success but at the expense of others.

Devil + Strength – Channel and control your energy rather than allowing it to run wild in your life.

Devil + Nine of Cups – Overindulgence in life's pleasures.

Devil + Nine of Pentacles – Obsession with material wealth and gain other aspects of your life.

Devil + Eight of Swords – Confusion, restriction and a victim mentality.

Devil + Knight of Wands – A passionate love affair, possibly with someone younger than you.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The reversed Devil card can often appear when you are on the verge of a break-through or an up-levelling. You are being called to your highest potential, but first, you must let go of any unhealthy attachments or limiting beliefs that may hold you back. Often, when you are called to something 'more', you must deal with your shadows before you can step into this new version of yourself. It may be an addiction, unhealthy relationships, or a disengaging career. Let go of fear and release any self-imposed limiting beliefs standing in the way of your growth. It is easier than you realise.

The reversed Devil calls on you to confront your inner fears and anxieties to free yourself from the chains that bind you to your limiting beliefs and unhealthy attachments. Eliminate those things you know are harmful to you and your inner psyche. It may be about creating a healthier diet, watching less television, quitting smoking, spending more time with your loved ones, or focusing more on your goals. Take this opportunity to bring about positive change in your life by staying focused on the ultimate goal of freedom.

The Devil reversed can also appear when you are going into your deepest, darkest places – whether or not you are ready. When you take this path consciously, you do so with strength, confidence and courage. You seek to understand your innermost shadows so you can either release them or integrate them into your life in a more constructive way. When you do it unconsciously, or with resistance, it can be very confronting as you may begin to realise you are very different from who you thought you were. You may enter a period of anxiety or depression, or experiencing dark thoughts you struggle to understand. If this resonates, then please seek out a trained therapist to help you work through this time.

The reversed Devil may also be a sign you are hiding your deepest, darkest self from others, keeping it a secret. You may have thoughts, fantasies, addictions, or habits that you don't want others to know because you feel embarrassed or ashamed. But sometimes, holding onto the secrets can contribute to a growing level of guilt, and you may feel a sense of relief if you can share your darker self with at least one trusted individual. There is also a need to accept who you are and forgive yourself for the thoughts you have. Of course, if you are at risk of harming yourself or others, please seek professional help immediately.

Finally, the Devil reversed invites you to practice the Buddhist principle of detachment, a state in which you overcome your attachment to the desire for things, people or concepts of the world, and free yourself from any restrictions. It doesn't mean you don't care for people

or things; you release your dependence on them. You may also find that a cord-cutting visualisation helps to release any unhealthy attachments to others, especially when the Devil reversed appears in a Tarot reading.

Suggested Card Combinations

Devil reversed + Hermit – Avoid forming any long-term bonds with others, particularly if you doubt their intentions.

Devil reversed + Star – Renewed faith, hope and optimism that you can break free of negative habits and achieve a much better state of being.

Devil reversed + Four of Wands – Freedom and release, resulting in greater happiness and fulfilment.

XVI. THE TOWER

KEYWORDS

Upright: Sudden change, upheaval, chaos, revelation, awakening.

Reversed: Personal transformation, fear of change, averting disaster.

QUOTES

"So go ahead. Fall down. The world looks different from the ground." – Oprah Winfrey

"It is a good thing to have all the props pulled out from under us occasionally. It gives us some sense of what is rock under our feet, and what is sand." – Madeleine L'Engle (author)

"The secret of change is to focus all of your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new." – Socrates

"Crises refine life. In them you discover what you are." – Allan K. Chalmers

DESCRIPTION

The Tower shows a tall tower perched on the top of a rocky mountain. Lightning strikes set the building alight, and two people leap from the windows, head first and arms outstretched. It is a scene of chaos and destruction.

The Tower itself is a solid structure, but because it has been built on shaky foundations, it only takes one bolt of lightning to bring it down. It represents ambitions and goals made on false premises.

The lightning represents a sudden surge of energy and insight that leads to a break-through or revelation. It enters via the top of the building and knocks off the crown, symbolising energy flowing down from the Universe, through the crown chakra. The people are desperate

to escape from the burning building, not knowing what awaits them as they fall. Around them are 22 flames, representing the 12 signs of the zodiac and 10 points of the Tree of Life, suggesting that even in times of disaster, there is always divine intervention.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

When the Tower card appears in a Tarot reading, expect the unexpected – massive change, upheaval, destruction and chaos. It may be a divorce, death of a loved one, financial failure, health problems, natural disaster, job loss or any event that shakes you to your core, affecting you spiritually, mentally and physically. There's no escaping it. Change is here to tear things up, create chaos and destroy everything in its path (but trust me, it's for your Highest Good).

Just when you think you're safe and comfortable, a Tower moment hits and throws you for a loop. A lightning bolt of clarity and insight cuts through the lies and illusions you have been telling yourself, and now the truth comes to light. Your world may come crashing down before you, in ways you could never have imagined as you realise that you have been building your life on unstable foundations – false assumptions, mistruths, illusions, blatant lies, and so on. Everything you thought to be true has turned on its head. You are now questioning what is real and what is not; what you can rely upon and what you cannot trust. This can be very confusing and disorienting, especially when your core belief systems are challenged. But over time, you will come to see that your original beliefs were built on a false understanding, and your new belief systems are more representative of reality.

The best way forward is to let this structure self-destruct so you can re-build and re-focus. And let's be real – with a card like the Tower, you have no choice but to surrender to the destruction and chaos, no matter how unwanted or painful. Change on this deep level is hard, but you need to trust that life is happening FOR you, not TO you and this is all for a reason. This destruction will allow new growth to emerge and your soul can evolve.

After a Tower experience, you will grow stronger, wiser and more resilient as you develop a new perspective on life you did not even know existed. These moments are necessary for your spiritual growth and enlightenment, and truth and honesty will bring about a positive change, even if you experience pain and anxiety throughout the process.

Thankfully, the Tower doesn't always associate with pain and turmoil. If you are highly aware and in tune with your inner guidance system, then this Tarot card can indicate a spiritual awakening or revelation. You may be able to see the cracks forming and take action before the whole structure comes tumbling down. You may create a massive transformation before you reach the point where change is your only option. In its most positive form, the Tower card is your opportunity to break free from the old ways of thinking that have been holding you back.

Career, Work and Finances

In a work-related reading, the Tower can signify a significant organisational change or event that has a substantial impact on you personally. Your company may go through a crisis or downsizing its operations and cutting costs, putting your job under threat. This is not an indicator that you need to panic. It is, however, a signal that 'forewarned is forearmed.' Even if you think you have the most stable job or source of income in the world, what would you do if it dried up tomorrow? Where might you go for work if you needed to? Planning now, when you are not in a crisis, may pay big dividends for you later.

The Tower may also be a calling for you to shake things up in your career and make a major change to what you invest your time in. It may be a shock or surprise to those you work with, but you may have wanted a change in your career for some time now and feel that this time is as good as any to make that move.

If you are searching for work but have yet to be successful, know that the job market may be erratic, and the organisations you are applying to may be undergoing significant change themselves. This can make it a difficult time to find the job you want.

In a financial reading, the Tower card suggests now is not the time to take risks. In fact, expect a big change to impact your finances and be ready for such an event. This might be the share market crashing, an unexpected job loss, injury resulting in loss of income or an unexpected expense.

Personality Types

The Tower personality is here to shake things up! On the positive side, this individual is willing to challenge the status quo and do things differently. Others may feel threatened by the Tower personality because they are still clinging to the old structures and are not willing to embrace change. If you resonate with the Tower archetype, know your soul's purpose is to create ground-breaking change and transformation, and do not let other people's resistance stand in your way.

On the negative side, the Tower personality can be controversial, purely to stir things up and to create shock value and sensationalism. They have a 'no holds barred' attitude and do not seem to care what others will think. They thrive on chaos and drama and can be unpredictable and volatile.

Relationships and Love

If you are in search of love, you may have a defining moment that forces you to revise your approach to finding the right relationship. An unexpected change of events may push you to question your current path and compel you in a new direction. You may realise you have been chasing after the wrong person, or that what you thought was important to you is no longer a priority. There may be an event that occurs outside your search for a relationship,

and that diverts your attention and focus for the time being.

If you are in a relationship, the Tower shows an unexpected and significant change is about to occur that will have a substantial impact on your relationship. Often, it suggests that relationship issues will eventually burst through the surface, resulting in an abrupt and shocking ending to the relationship you did not expect. An ugly truth may be revealed about you or your partner, leaving you to deal with its fallout. At other times, the Tower may show an external event that will change the nature of your relationship, for example, loss of a job, the death of a family member, etc. This event will force you to look at your relationship very differently.

You will choose to stand by your partner and support him or her through this challenging time, or you will end the relationship, realising that it is not what you want or what you can deal with at this time.

Spirituality

Your faith will be put to the test. The Tower indicates that a significant change will challenge your fundamental belief system. This is also a 'make or break' moment for you on a spiritual level, which will test how committed you are to your spiritual development. It may reflect a spiritual awakening as you rise from your challenges and seek a more fulfilling path.

Well-being and Health

In a health reading, the Tower reflects a sudden change of events. You may be more accident-prone, or a sudden illness may bear down on you. You may suffer from anxiety attacks or high levels of stress and tension, particularly if you are undergoing a change in other areas of your life. Be careful with drugs and alcohol, too, as the risk of overdosing or going overboard is high.

Journaling Prompts

- What radical shifts and unexpected changes are you experiencing right now? What is the blessing in disguise?
- What structures and belief systems do you realise no longer hold true for you? What is emerging instead?
- How can you be a catalyst for change? How can you challenge the status quo and create something new?

Suggested Card Combinations

Tower + High Priestess – You already have an inner sense of what major change may be on its way.

Tower + Death – Sweeping change and powerful forces at play.

Tower + Star – A favourable combination that suggests you can harness change to bring about personal transformation and renewed faith.

Tower + Two of Cups reversed – The end of a relationship or partnership.

Tower + Three of Pentacles reversed – A falling out with your colleagues, business partners or peers will lead to a business failure.

Tower + Five of Pentacles – Financial failure and misfortune.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The Tower reversed suggests that you are undergoing a significant personal transformation and upheaval. This differs from the experience of the upright Tower where the change is often because of external circumstances and may even feel forced upon you. Instead, with the reversed Tower card, you are instigating the change and calling into question your fundamental belief systems, values, purpose and meaning. You may go through a spiritual awakening as you discover a new spiritual path. You may change your beliefs and opinions about important topics, realising that you can no longer support older models. Or, in more dramatic cases, you may go through an existential crisis where you seriously question your life's purpose. While this can be an unsettling time, trust in the process and know it is for the best. You are creating change and transformation so you can step into a new and evolved version of yourself.

At times, the reversed Tower can be a sign that you are resisting change and delaying the necessary destruction and upheaval. You may be in denial that change is occurring. Or you may be clinging to an old belief system even though you know they are no longer relevant or healthy for you. As much as you don't want to, you need to go through this difficult time to learn a valuable lesson and make progress in your life. And know that if you continue to resist this change, it will only force its way into your life even more. The growth and transformation that the Tower card brings are inevitable. No amount of hiding or denying will make it go away, and it will only get louder with potentially greater upheaval.

Finally, the reversal of the Tower can reduce the impact of the change about to enter your life, particularly if you are tuned in to your intuition. You may be forewarned or have an intuitive sense that something big is about to happen, and you can plan ahead to avoid (or minimise) the destruction that lies ahead.

Suggested Card Combinations

Tower reversed + Wheel of Fortune – Luck is on your side, and you can avert disaster by being in the right place at the right time.

Tower reversed + Death reversed – Resistance to change is preventing you from moving forward.

Tower reversed + Sun – Major change will be much less impactful than expected, and you may see the positive consequences of change much more quickly.

Tower reversed + Four of Cups – You are losing out on new opportunities because you are resisting the amount of change required to take them up.

XVII. THE STAR

KEYWORDS

Upright: Hope, faith, purpose, renewal, spirituality.

Reversed: Lack of faith, despair, self-trust, disconnection.

QUOTES

"If you follow your star, you cannot fail of glorious heaven."

– Dante Alighieri (poet)

"You cannot connect the dots looking forward; you can only connect them looking backwards. So you have to trust that the dots will somehow connect in your future. You have to trust in something—your gut, destiny, life, karma, whatever. This approach has never let me down, and it has made all the difference in my life." – Steve Jobs (co-founder of Apple)

"For my part I know nothing with any certainty but the sight of the stars makes me dream." – Vincent van Gogh

DESCRIPTION

The Star card shows a naked woman kneeling at the edge of a small pool. She holds two containers of water: one in her left hand (the subconscious) and one in her right (the conscious). She pours the water out to nourish the earth and to continue the cycle of fertility, represented by the lush greenery around her. The other container pours the water onto dry land in five rivulets, representing the five senses.

The woman has one foot on the ground, representing her practical abilities and good common sense, and the other foot in the water, representing her intuition and inner resources and listening to her inner voice. She is naked, representing her vulnerability and purity under the vastness of the starry night sky. Behind her shines one large star, representing her core essences, and seven smaller stars, representing the chakras.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

As the Star follows the Tower card in the Tarot, it comes as a welcome reprieve after a period of destruction and turmoil. You have endured many challenges and stripped yourself bare of any limiting beliefs that have previously held you back. You are realising your core essence, who you are beneath all the layers. No matter what life throws your way, you know that you are always connected to the Divine and pure loving energy. You hold a new sense of self, a new appreciation for the core of your Being.

The Star brings renewed hope and faith, and a sense that you are truly blessed by the Universe. You are entering a peaceful, loving phase in your life, filled with calm energy, mental stability and more in-depth understanding of both yourself and others around you. This is a time of significant personal growth and development as you are now ready to receive the many blessings of the Universe.

With the Star card, anything is possible and the magic is flowing around you. Your heart is full of hope, and your soul is being uplifted to the highest of highs as you realise that your dreams really can come true. Allow yourself to dream, to aspire, to elevate in any way possible so you can reach the stars. They are right here waiting for you.

You may also want to find or rediscover a sense of meaning, inspiration, or purpose in your life. You are making some significant changes in your life, transforming yourself from the old you to the new you and, in doing so, you are bringing about a fresh perspective: "Out with the old and in with the new!" You are choosing the highest version of yourself. This is a profound spiritual journey that will bring greater meaning and purpose into your life and will renew your inner energy. Strip back any limiting beliefs, facades, or deceptions, and live in your authentic nature. Be open to new ideas and growth, and listen to the still voice within.

The Star also suggests a generous spirit. You want to give or share your wealth with others to help transform their lives. Yours is an open heart, and you now want to give back the blessings you received so that others may benefit.

Career, Work and Finances

In a career reading, the Star card indicates that you are showing up to work as your whole self. You are not putting on a mask or a persona as you step through the office doors; you are being the truest, most authentic version of yourself. And because you are being you, success and recognition will follow. The Star also reflects that you now wish to share this success with others, perhaps through mentoring, public speaking, or coaching a colleague. You may consider how you can give back to the community using your professional skills.

If you are considering a change in your career, the Star suggests that you are seeking greater meaning and purpose in what you do. You can no longer work in an environment where it

is just about making a profit for the senior executives or shareholders of a large corporation. Instead, you want to know that you are having a real and meaningful impact on the people and things that matter most. You may be considering a work environment that is more nurturing of your individual value, and that appreciates what you have to offer. Or you may be attracted to a smaller organisation or community-based organisation where you can connect more with your colleagues, customers and community.

Financially, the Star is a positive sign that you may come into a windfall. Be ready to receive these financial blessings from the Universe as you will have everything you need (and then some).

Personality Types

The Star personality is hopeful, uninhibited, calm and optimistic. Others are drawn to the Star as they find these individuals very uplifting. Just being near her puts you at ease and welcome. For this reason, Star personalities are talented counsellors and motivational speakers. They also have a certain star quality (excuse the pun), and you may see them thriving in the limelight.

Relationships and Love

In a relationship reading, the Star card brings wonderful, positive energy. Whether you are single or in a stable relationship, the Star card offers a gift of love and inspiration that can only bring happiness, renewal, hope and faith.

If you are looking for love, now is an excellent time to meet someone new. You have been through a personal transformation and discovered who you want to be and attract into your life. You are also in a positive and optimistic frame of mind, which will naturally attract others. As such, a new relationship could happen at any time.

If you are in a committed relationship, this may move to a new, higher and more fulfilling level. The Star shows you learned a lot from previous relationships and, as a result, have a much deeper insight into what works and what does not. You can now apply this new wisdom to your current relationship.

Spirituality

The Star is a profoundly spiritual card that reflects your connection to the Divine. You have full faith and confidence in the Universe and are ready to receive and create miracles. You may go through a stage of purification so you can strengthen your connection with the Divine, letting go of anything that stands in your way and purifying your soul. This is a journey of renewal for you, and your spiritual development is essential as you move into the next stage.

You may be drawn to spiritual healing and called to share your gifts, and your light, with others.

Well-being and Health

The Star card asks you to trust in the Universe that your health and well-being will improve. The mind has the power to heal, and now more than ever, you need to have faith that you can indeed heal. Energy workers and faith healers may be helpful for improving your health. The Star can also indicate the need for detoxification and purification.

Journaling Prompts

- What gives you a renewed sense of hope and faith right now?
- When has the Universe offered you a true blessing?
- How can you replenish and nourish your spirit?

Suggested Card Combinations

Star + Fool – You have a great deal of faith and trust that life will play out just as you want.

Star + Magician – You are in an excellent position to deliver the vision you have.

Star + Hermit – Your inspiration may not be understood by others and is instead something you want to keep to yourself (for now).

Star + Ten of Cups – Lots of joy, positive feelings and blessings are in your life.

Star + Ace of Pentacles – A personal transformation or seed of inspiration could become a profitable business venture.

Star + Six of Pentacles – You are feeling very generous and open to sharing your source of inspiration with others.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The reversed Star card can mean that you've lost faith and hope in the Universe. You may be feeling overwhelmed by life's challenges right now and questioning why you are being put through this. You know life throws curveballs, but really? Why this, and why now?! You may be desperately calling out to the Universe to give you some reprieve but struggling to see how the Divine is on your side. Look harder, and you will see it. The Divine is always there. Take a moment to ask yourself what the deeper life lesson is, and how this is a blessing, not a punishment.

Often, the reversed Star is a test of faith. When confronted with a challenging situation,

you can either crumble like the Tower or stand firm in your conviction that the Divine is everywhere. You will also learn how to trust not only in the Universe but also in yourself. You are a vessel for the Divine, and when you have faith and confidence in yourself, you allow the Divine to shine through.

The Star reversed also shows that you are disengaged and uninspired with life or components of your life (for example, work, hobbies, relationships, personal projects, etc.). Perhaps you started out with great vision and enthusiasm, but you are now finding yourself overwhelmed by day-to-day routines that are boring and dreary. This card is particularly relevant for career readings when you feel disconnected from the work you do and wonder if it's time to move on or make a change. Reconnect to what is truly important to you and your soul's purpose for this lifetime. Align your daily life with this purpose, and you will find new sources of inspiration.

The reversed Star urges you to take time out for self-care and nourishment on a deeply personal and spiritual level. Your energy reserves may be well and truly depleted, so rather than pushing yourself even further, make time just for you. Book a massage, reconnect to your daily spiritual practices, take a warm bath – whatever it takes to nurture your spirit and reconnect with your inner essence. Being near water or engaging in a purification ritual will help to nourish you on a deeper level.

Suggested Card Combinations

Star reversed + Tower – Upheaval and chaos resulting in a loss of faith.

Star reversed + Moon – Feeling troubled or anxious about a situation.

Star reversed + Knight of Pentacles – Boredom because of routine or administrative work.

Star reversed + Two of Swords – A lack of inspiration is leading you to become indecisive and blocked.

Star reversed + Six of Wands reversed – A personal failure or setback has become public and has damaged your personal reputation and brand.

XVIII. THE MOON

KEYWORDS

Upright: Illusion, fear, anxiety, subconscious, intuition.

Reversed: Release of fear, repressed emotion, inner confusion.

QUOTES

"Everyone is a moon and has a dark side which he never shows to anybody." – Mark Twain

"Fear is only an illusion. It is the illusion that creates the feeling of separateness—the false sense of isolation that exists only in your imagination." – Jeraldine Saunders (writer)

DESCRIPTION

The Moon card shows a full moon in the night's sky, positioned between two large towers. The Moon is a symbol of intuition, dreams, and the unconscious. Its light is dim compared to the sun, and only slightly illuminates the path to higher consciousness winding between the two towers.

In the foreground is a small pool, representing the watery, subconscious mind. A small crayfish crawls out of the pool, symbolising the early stages of consciousness unfolding. A dog and a wolf stand in the grassy field, howling at the moon, representing both the tamed and the wild aspects of our minds.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Moon represents your fears and illusions and often comes out when you are projecting fear into your present and your future, based on your past experiences. You may have a painful memory that caused emotional distress, and rather than dealing with the emotions you pushed them down deep into your subconscious. Now, these emotions are making a reappearance, and you may find yourself under their influence on a conscious or subconscious level. For example, if you had a car accident when you were young but didn't deal with the emotions, you may get sad or anxious every time you get into the backseat of a car. To remedy this, connect with your subconscious mind and release any fears or anxieties holding you back. Hypnosis, therapy and shamanic healing can support this process.

The Moon can indicate a time of uncertainty and illusion, when nothing is what it seems. Be careful of making fast decisions when the Moon appears because you may later realise you only had half the information you needed. You need to listen to and trust your intuition so you can see beyond what is in front of you. Feel into situations rather than thinking what they mean. Let go of your conscious mental blocks or negative self-talk and allow your intuition to guide you. Your dreams, intuitions and inner guidance lead you forward toward higher levels of understanding if you listen and use your judgement to help interpret the messages of the subconscious.

When the Moon card appears in your Tarot reading, pay close attention to the lunar cycles and attune to its divine power using ritual, visualisation or Tarot readings. Connect with the divine feminine and uncover deep intuitive insights and visions of what lies beyond everyday life. On the New Moon, set your intentions and plant the seeds of opportunity so they can grow. And on the Full Moon, honour your achievements and look at what you need to release so that new aspects of yourself can shine.

Career, Work and Finances

In a work or business-related reading, the Moon suggests that all is not as it seems. There may be shady business dealings going on that you are not aware of or are choosing to ignore. There may be fraudulent activities or hidden agendas unravelling your work or business success. Do not take things at face value. Trust your intuition and gut instinct, particularly if something does not feel right.

On a more personal level, you may be uncertain about your career's direction and are lacking guidance. You know you need to keep progressing in your career, but you are doing it with little certainty of where you are heading in the long term.

Financially, the Moon advises against making any major decisions right now because you do not have all the information you need, or it may not be as straightforward as you think.

Again, be careful of other people's hidden agendas that may affect your finances.

Personality Types

The Moon personality is very creative, intuitive, psychic and often quite mysterious. She is deeply connected with her subconscious mind and usually relates to her dreams and inner voice. This person is skilled at reading other people and is a keen judge of character. Moon personalities may have skeletons in their closet, emotional upheavals or painful experiences from the past that have led them to hide part of themselves from others. This creates a certain air of mystery or darkness about them.

Relationships and Love

In a relationship reading, the Moon card can suggest illusions and deception. Don't take things on face value – dig a little deeper to see what's going on underneath the surface. If something seems 'off', then it probably is. Be careful that you do not get swept up in the excitement for finding love, only to realise the relationship isn't what you thought it to be. It's not a good time to be making decisions about long-term commitments.

If you are in a long-term relationship, the Moon may suggest that emotional issues are affecting it, such as anxiety, depression or other mental health concerns. You may also unearth long-buried secrets that you were unaware of, even if you have been together for a long stretch of time.

Spirituality

The Moon shows that you are in tune with your intuition and may receive psychic messages and 'downloads' through meditation, self-hypnosis, or your dreams. You may also be more open to receiving a psychic reading to connect you to your intuition.

Given the strong association with the moon, align yourself with the lunar cycles to aide your spiritual development.

Well-being and Health

With health, the Moon invites you to explore your subconscious and emotions, perhaps with the help of a hypnotherapist or psychologist. Your mental and emotional health need your attention. If you use drugs or alcohol, you might be prone to overdoing it just to get that altered state of mind, so be careful!

Journaling Prompts

- What are your deepest fears and anxieties?
- What is uncertain at this time?
- How can you connect with your intuition?

Suggested Card Combinations

Moon + High Priestess – You are highly attuned to your subconscious mind, and your psychic abilities are powerful.

Moon + Devil – Be careful of manipulative or destructive people in your life (including yourself) who might take advantage of you.

Moon + Seven of Cups – You are surrounded by illusions, unrealistic ideas and fantasy.

Moon + Two of Swords – You are engaging in self-deception and are refusing to see the truth.

Moon + Nine of Swords – Your dreams and nightmares are troubling you. Go deeper to understand the hidden meaning and associated fears.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The Moon reversed indicates that you have been dealing with illusion, fears and anxiety, and now the negative influences of these energies are subsiding. You are working through your fears and anxieties, understanding the impact they have on your life and how you can free yourself from such limiting beliefs. This is a truly liberating and transformational experience.

You may try to bury these feelings even deeper within your subconscious so you can avoid your dark shadows. You may not be ready to face your emotions, pushing them to the side and pretending as if nothing is wrong. This strategy might work in the short-term, but eventually, you will need to resurface these emotions and deal with them head-on.

The Moon reversed can also show that you are receiving intuitive messages and psychic downloads but are struggling to understand what they mean for you. The message may be confusing, or your interpretation differs from what you read elsewhere. When the Moon is reversed, you are being called to listen to your inner voice, and not the voice of someone else. Trust that the answers you need are already within you, and tune in to your inner guidance system to hear those answers. Pay attention to your dreams and keep a dream diary because this is how many of your subconscious messages will be relayed to you. If you're still stuck, record the messages you receive and come back to them later when you have more clarity.

Suggested Card Combinations

Moon reversed + Star – Feeling serene, untroubled and at peace, as a result of having purged your inner fears and anxieties.

Moon reversed + Four of Cups – Meditation and inner reflection will help you understand a confusing situation.

Moon reversed + Eight of Swords – You are still trapped and limited by your negative self-talk and fear.

XIX. THE SUN

KEYWORDS

Upright: Positivity, fun, warmth, success, vitality.

Reversed: Inner child, feeling down, overly optimistic.

QUOTES

"Once we recognise what it is we are feeling, once we recognise we can feel deeply, love deeply, can feel joy, then we will demand that all parts of our lives produce that kind of joy." – Audre Lorde (writer, poet and activist)

"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos into order, confusion into clarity.... It turns problems into gifts, failures into success, the unexpected into perfect timing, and mistakes into important events. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow." – Melodie Beattie (author)

"Success, happiness, peace of mind and fulfilment—the most priceless of human treasures—are available to all among us, without exception, who make things happen—who make 'good' things happen—in the world around them." – Joe Klock (educator and writer)

DESCRIPTION

The Sun Tarot card radiates with optimism and positivity. A large, bright sun shines in the sky, representing the source of all life on Earth. Underneath, four sunflowers grow tall above a brick wall, representing the four suits of the Minor Arcana and the four elements.

In the foreground, a young, naked child is sitting on top of a calm white horse. The child represents the joy of being connected with your inner spirit, and his nakedness is a sign he has nothing to hide and has all the innocence and purity of childhood. The white horse is also a sign of purity and strength.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Sun represents success, radiance and abundance. The Sun gives you strength and tells you that no matter where you go or what you do, your positive and radiant energy will follow you and bring you happiness and joy. People are drawn to you because you can always see the bright side and bring such warmth into other people's lives. This beautiful, warm energy is what will get you through the tough times and help you succeed. You are also in a position where you can share your highest qualities and achievements with others. Radiate who you are and what you stand for; shine your love on those you care about.

If you are going through a difficult time, the Sun brings you the message you have been waiting for: that things will get better, a lot better! Through the challenges along your path, you discovered who you are and why you're here. Now you are full of energy and zeal for the future and can already perceive success and abundance flowing to you. You are brimming with confidence because you know everything will work out – it always does! Life is good!

The Sun connects you to your power base – not fear-driven, egotistical power, but the abundant, inner energy radiating through you right now. You'll sense it in your Solar Plexus chakra, calling you to express yourself authentically and be fully present in the world around you. You have what others want and are being asked to radiate your energy and your gifts out into the world in a big way. Tap into your power and use your Divine will to express that power in positive ways.

The Sun is also an energetic card. It reflects a time when you can expect to experience an increase in physical energy, vitality and general positivity. You are bursting with enthusiasm, invigorated and enjoying a wonderful sense of good health.

Career, Work and Finances

If you are searching for a new job or a career change, the Sun heralds success – a job offer or an attractive new opportunity on the horizon.

In a work-related reading, the Sun signals success and achievement at work and an increasing sense of confidence in everything you do. You will be recognised and rewarded for your work, and everything will come to you because you are finally 'in flow' with what you are doing. Do not be reluctant to share your success with others by acknowledging your team's efforts to achieve a shared goal and by communicating your success story with others as a source of motivation and inspiration.

In a financial reading, the Sun heralds positive outcomes. Investments may do very well, or your savings are on the rise. You will look at your finances from a perspective of abundance, and even if you are struggling, you will feel positive about the progress you have made so far.

Personality Types

The Sun personality is positive, enthusiastic and vibrant. This person always has a tremendous amount of stamina and enthusiasm for whatever he or she is engaged in and can always find the fun or humorous side of life. The Sun personality draws others to him because he gives off such positive energy. Sun personalities are optimistic and fun-loving, smiling and enjoying life, no matter what it throws at them. They are likely to be the centre of attention and quite the social butterfly, living life to the fullest.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, the Sun indicates a favourable time for dating and meeting new people. You are likely to meet someone who makes you laugh and with whom you enjoy spending time. There is a lot of positive energy around this relationship, and you will feel much better about yourself as a result of meeting this person.

If you are in a relationship, the Sun also suggests a positive time when you are both enjoying each other's company and energy. You may spend more quality time together, without distraction, perhaps on holiday together or enjoying life's simple pleasures. Remember, too, that the Sun is about freedom and liberation, so give each other some space when you need it.

The Sun may also reflect a relationship with a young person, such as a relationship with a child, grandchild, niece or nephew. This relationship will help you rediscover your inner child and find your sense of fun once again. Relish every moment you spend with young people and harness their positive and optimistic energy.

Spirituality

The Sun symbolises abundance, joy and happiness in all spiritual pursuits. The Sun also reflects the law of attraction—if you send positive energy outwards into the Universe, you will receive positive energy back and create a life full of abundance and spiritual wealth. Enjoy these good times and remember to give thanks for being so blessed.

Well-being and Health

With the Sun card, your health and well-being will be at their best. Your optimistic and positive attitude is creating good health and energy. Now is an excellent opportunity to take some time off if you can, and just enjoy life. Figure out what you are doing right and build upon it!

Journaling Prompts

- What do you feel really good about right now?
- What fills you with positivity and enthusiasm for life?
- What gives you a sense of freedom and fun?

Suggested Card Combinations

Sun + Chariot – Your positive energy and personal drive will bring victory and success.

Sun + Lovers – Warm, positive energy is flowing in your relationships, creating long-lasting bonds and good feelings.

Sun + Tower – You are using a life-changing event to bring in new, positive energy into your life.

Sun + World – Accomplishment and achievement.

Sun + Ace of Swords – You have a lot of energy to put towards a new venture or idea.

Sun + Six of Wands – Public acclaim and recognition for your great efforts.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The reversed Sun is calling to your inner child to come out and play! As adults, we get so lost in the hustle and bustle of everyday life that we forget how to have fun. But spend just a few minutes watching a kid play, and you realise how wonderful and carefree life can be when you learn to let go of your worries and concerns. When you see the Sun reversed in your Tarot reading, see it as your permission slip to leave behind your work and responsibilities, even just for a moment, and play. Dance like no-one is watching, sing like no-one is listening, and let your heart and soul fly free.

The Sun reversed can mean you are struggling to see the bright side of life. You may have experienced setbacks that damaged your enthusiasm and optimism and perhaps led you to question whether you can achieve what you set out to do. You may feel depressed or left out and are no longer enjoying what you are doing. Your direction and path ahead may appear clouded or distorted.

Nonetheless, the Sun is never a negative card, so this is only temporary. The obstacles you see can be easily removed if you put your mind to it. It may just take a bit more effort than usual.

On the other hand, you may be too confident or overly optimistic. While you are confident,

you may have become egotistical and out of touch with what you can achieve. Are you truthful to yourself and others? Or, are you trying to talk yourself up when you know you cannot deliver? If this resonates with you, then ask others for feedback and a reality check. Are you unrealistic? Is what you have set out to achieve achievable? Are you really as good as you think you are?

Suggested Card Combinations

Sun reversed + Moon – Confusion and disorientation about your future direction and illusions about what is possible.

Sun reversed + Eight of Cups – Growing weary and losing the energy to continue working through the emotional issues.

Sun reversed + Three of Cups – Go play with your friends!

XX. JUDGEMENT

KEYWORDS

Upright: Judgement, rebirth, inner calling, absolution.

Reversed: Self-doubt, inner critic, ignoring the call.

QUOTES

"People move forward into the future out of the way they comprehend the past. When we do not understand something in our past, we are therefore crippled." – Norman Mailer (novelist, journalist and poet)

"What you need to know about the past is that no matter what has happened, it has all worked together to bring you to this very moment. And this is the moment you can choose to make everything new. Right now." – Author Unknown

"Wisdom is your perspective on life, your sense of balance, your understanding of how the various parts and principles apply and relate to each other. It embraces judgment, discernment, comprehension. It is a gestalt or oneness, and integrated wholeness." – Stephen R. Covey (author)

DESCRIPTION

The Judgement card shows naked men, women, and children rising from their graves, arms outspread and looking up into the sky. Above, Archangel Gabriel – the Messenger of God – blows his trumpet. The people respond to his call, ready to be judged and to find out if they will be accepted into the heavens or not. In the background is an extensive mountain range, signifying the insurmountable obstacles and the impossibility of avoiding judgement.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Judgement card is calling you to rise up and embrace a higher level of consciousness for the service of your Highest Good. You are experiencing a spiritual awakening and realising that you are destined for so much more. This is your cosmic up-levelling! You hear the call and are ready to act. Tune in to a higher frequency. Let go of your old self and step into this newest version of who you really are.

The Judgement card often indicates that you need to make a life-changing decision, but unlike those associated with the logical Justice card, this decision requires a blend of intuition and intellect. You may be at a crossroads, aware that any choice you make will bring a significant change with long-lasting effects. Tune in to your Higher Self, trust your judgement and know you are on the right path. If you still need clarity on the situation, look to your past and life lessons to guide you.

Judgement pops up in a Tarot reading when you are close to reaching a significant stage in your journey. You have reviewed and evaluated your past experiences and have learned from them. All the pieces of the puzzle of your life are finally coming together to form one, unified picture of your life story. This integration has healed deep wounds, and you are now able to put the past behind you. You have found your absolution, having cleared any wrongdoings or regrets, and releasing any guilt or sadness about the past. This purging process will leave you refreshed and ready to take on any new challenges.

The Judgement card suggests that you may find comfort in sharing your struggles with others within a group environment. There will be others who have experienced something similar and who can show you the way to freedom from your troubles. Let them guide you and help you - rise together.

Career, Work and Finances

If you are looking for a new job, Judgement hints that you may be in the final stages of the interview process and are seriously being considered for the role.

In a work-related reading, the Judgement card suggests that you want a work environment where you are amongst like-minded people who are inspired and enthused by similar things. You may be particularly drawn to community service or working for the greater good of society to create a positive impact and bring about change. You may find that, by connecting with a group of people who have spiritual interests at heart, you finally find your place. This is no longer about just making an income but about having a positive impact on your community. If you do good work, then abundance will follow. So, you may even consider starting in a volunteer role, working with a not-for-profit or following a spiritual pursuit.

Judgement suggests that you are feeling called to a new career path, perhaps something very

different from what you are doing now. You may have to be courageous in your decision-making, but the important thing here is that you should follow your heart and good judgement.

In a financial reading, the Judgement card indicates that your debts may be wiped free or you may finally pay off your last credit card, revelling in the freedom of having no debt.

Personality Types

The Judgement personality reflects someone who has a strong sense of purpose in life and who is authentic and genuine to himself or herself.

This person is likely to be very active in the community or a spiritual undertaking. Judgement personalities will often find themselves in a state of constant transformation, feeling a sense of the fiery aspect of this card pushing them to keep going, even if they do not understand what is motivating them to continue.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, Judgement indicates a period of deep self-reflection with your relationships. You may have identified something you want to change in the way you approach love. Something has dawned on you as you reflect on past relationships and what you want from love. The key now is how you manifest that change and make it your reality. The intent is there, but you need to transform that intent into action.

If you are in an established relationship, Judgement can show that you're in a 'make-or-break' period. You need to be clear about your personal values and goals, and how these align with your relationships. It is also time to have an honest conversation with your partner, to understand if you are both willing to take the relationship to the next level or not. You need to make some tough decisions about what needs to happen next. Or, you may wait for a divine sign that your relationship is meant to be and that it is as you hope.

Spirituality

Judgement is a positive card to see in a spiritual reading. It reflects a moment of spiritual awakening, where your connection with your soul and the Universe becomes crystal clear, and you know what you need to do to reach enlightenment.

You are receptive to spiritual messages and may find solace in sharing your experiences with others in a group context. This could be an excellent time to join a church or spiritual centre where you can rejoice in harmony with others.

Well-being and Health

The Judgement card in a health reading may signify that you are waiting for a medical diagnosis. Knowing what is causing your illness or discomfort will go a long way to aiding

recovery and establishing the correct treatment. You may have to make an important decision about your health or even the health of another person or animal. This decision may rest on moral or ethical aspects.

Journaling Prompts

- What is calling you right now?
- What burdens do you carry with you from your past? When do you dishonour your Highest Self? How can you seek forgiveness, absolution, and find release from these burdens?
- What new awakening or epiphany have you had? How has this changed your life?

Suggested Card Combinations

Judgement + Fool – A time of release, rebirth and new beginnings, having evaluated your past.

Judgement + Temperance – A conscious decision to live a much healthier lifestyle and to eliminate bad habits such as drinking or overeating.

Judgement + Six of Cups – Your preoccupation with the past is preventing you from moving on with your life.

Judgement + Six of Pentacles – You will feel called to help others and give your time or money generously.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

Judgement reversed calls for a period of reflection and self-evaluation. Through meditation or quiet contemplation, you may arrive at a deep understanding of the universal themes weaving throughout your life and what you can do or change to avoid these situations. You may have kept them secret or hidden because you fear how others may judge you. To clear these past mistakes and regrets, and any associated guilt or shame, work on your self-forgiveness, self-acceptance, self-love, and release and freedom.

The Judgement reversed often appears when the Universe is trying to send you a message and invite you to something bigger, but you're not listening. Maybe you're afraid of the sacrifice you will need to make to heed the call, or you're worried you are not ready to step into a more prominent role and just want to play it safe. You are doing your best to pretend you didn't receive it and are carrying on with your daily life, hoping it will go away. But let's be honest – the 'call' never goes away; it just gets louder and louder until you pay attention. It's time to push past your inner fears and self-doubt, and trust that the Universe has your

back. This is happening for a reason.

Sometimes, the reversed Judgement indicates your inner critic is coming through, loud and clear. You may doubt yourself or tell yourself negative messages. This is impeding you being able to fulfil your highest potential and be your best self. To overcome your inner critic, see it as a separate part of yourself (give it a name), hear it out and acknowledge its fear, and offer assurances that everything will be just fine. With focused discipline, you can break the cycle of self-criticism and replace it with more positive messages of what is possible.

Suggested Card Combinations

Judgement reversed + Four of Cups – You need to pause and reflect to understand the lessons from the past.

Judgement reversed + Five of Cups – Difficulty dealing with regrets and mistakes from the past.

Judgement reversed + Nine of Swords – Guilt, blame and feelings of sinfulness.

XXI. WORLD

KEYWORDS

Upright: Completion, integration, accomplishment, travel.

Reversed: Seeking personal closure, short-cuts, delays.

QUOTES

"Success is peace of mind which is a direct result of self-satisfaction in knowing you did your best to become the best you are capable of becoming." – John Wooden (basketball player and coach)

"Man is always more than he can know of himself; consequently, his accomplishments, time and again, will come as a surprise to him." – Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (poet and educator)

"Success, happiness, peace of mind and fulfilment—the most priceless of human treasures— are available to all among us, without exception, who make things happen—who make 'good' things happen—in the world around them." – Joe Klock (educator and writer)

DESCRIPTION

The World card shows a naked woman wrapped in a purple cloth, dancing inside a large laurel wreath. She looks behind her to the past, while her body moves forward to the future. In her hands are two Wands or batons, like the one the Magician holds. It is a symbol that what was manifested with the Magician has now come to completion with the World. The wreath is circular, symbolising a continual cycle of successful completion and new beginnings because, as the woman steps through the wreath, she is completing one phase but beginning another one almost straight away.

Around the wreath are four figures (a lion, bull, cherub and eagle), similar to those in the Wheel of Fortune. Both the World and the Wheel of Fortune speak to the cyclical nature of

your life and your progression through its cycles. The four figures represent the four fixed signs of the Zodiac—Leo, Taurus, Aquarius, and Scorpio. They are symbolic of the four elements, the four suits of the Tarot, four compass points, four seasons, and the four corners of the Universe. They are here to guide you from one phase to the next, bringing balance and harmony to your journey.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

When the World card appears in a Tarot reading, you are glowing with a sense of wholeness, achievement, fulfilment and completion. A long-term project, period of study, relationship or career has come full circle, and you are now revelling in the sense of closure and accomplishment. This card could represent graduation, a marriage, the birth of a child or achieving a long-held dream or aspiration. You have finally accomplished your goal or purpose. Everything has come together, and you are in the right place, doing the right thing, achieving what you have envisioned. You feel whole and complete.

Now, the World card invites you to reflect on your journey, honour your achievements and tune into your spiritual lessons. Celebrate your successes and bask in the joy of having brought your goals to fruition. All the triumphs and tribulations along your path have made you into the strong, wise, more experienced person you are now. Express gratitude for what you have created and harvested. Finally, make sure you don't rush into the next big project; celebrating your journey will set you up for success when you are ready for your next challenge.

If you have not quite reached this point of completion, then you are very close! You may still need an added level of understanding to graduate to a higher level and enjoy real success. Look back at your past experiences and acknowledge how far you have come and what you learned along the way. It may surprise you to look back at your progress and see how much you achieved. This reflection may also be what you need to bring your project to its final stages.

If loose ends still remain, the World card asks you to bring them to completion. In doing so, you will clear the space for new beginnings and opportunities to emerge.

More literally, the World can mean world travel, particularly on a large scale. You may be lucky enough to embark on a six-month overseas trip, or are working, studying or living overseas for an extended period. This card reinforces Universal understanding and global awareness, and you will you will find a new appreciation for people and cultures from across the world.

Career, Work and Finances

In a work-related reading, the presence of the World card may indicate that a significant project or cycle of your job is ending. It may also represent retirement or leaving a workplace where you spent many years. Celebrate your accomplishments and acknowledge that it's time for something new. You have learned so much and are now ready to embark on your next career challenge.

Given the literal meaning of the World card, you may work on a global scale or take a job overseas. It may involve you in global business operations or community work in developing nations. Consider exploring your options for living and working abroad for an extended period.

If you are dissatisfied in your current career, the World may come as a sign it's time to leave your current career path and start fresh, even if you don't know what you want to do.

Financially, you might invest in global opportunities or cash in on a long-term investment. You may be entitled to a retirement fund, redundancy payout or another form of payment for a lifelong commitment.

Personality Types

The World personality is someone who thrives on the satisfaction of a job well done. She soaks up that sense of achievement and will always focus on seeing a task through to its end. The World personality may be very globally aware and open to different experiences of various cultures. She is undoubtedly a well-travelled person!

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, the World suggests that you may find the right match and see your single life come to an end. Consider travelling as another excellent way to meet people.

If you are in a long-term and committed relationship, the World says you have reached a significant milestone in the relationship and are ready to embark on the next phase (such as marriage, moving in together, or starting a family). If the relationship is struggling, the World could mean that you may both agree to part ways, acknowledging that you had an incredible journey together but now it's time to move on.

Spirituality

On a spiritual level, the World sees you accepting and loving yourself for who you are and letting go of your harmful illusions about yourself and what you can or cannot accomplish. The World also indicates a sense of wholeness and knowing your place within the world and how you can make a positive impact on your community. You understand other people better and feel energised by the opportunity to collaborate with others on meaningful tasks

and projects.

Well-being and Health

The World signifies a sound state of well-being and a happy frame of mind. You feel whole, integrated and satisfied with yourself and your life. You may find that holistic medicine is beneficial right now as it looks at the body as a unified system.

Journaling Prompts

- What is coming to completion?
- What are you most proud of? What significant achievements give you a sense of fulfilment and wholeness?
- What open loops do you need to close so that new opportunities can emerge?

Suggested Card Combinations

World + Magician – You can get others to buy into your vision of the way the world should be.

World + Devil – The end of weakness, feelings of helplessness, medication, alcoholism, drugs or some other abuse.

World + Sun – Great accomplishment, achievement and success.

World + Eight of Pentacles – A detailed task you have been working on will finally reach a point of completion.

World + Ten of Pentacles – Possible retirement, affluence and material fulfilment.

World + Eight of Wands – Global/overseas travel.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The reversed World card suggests that you are seeking closure on a personal issue. Perhaps you are still emotionally attached to a past relationship and want to move on. Or you dream of the day you can fit into your old skinny jeans but realise now that your metabolism and body shape changed in the last ten years. You know, deep down, that to accept and embrace where you are now, you need to let go of the past and move on. Finding closure may be an intensely personal journey – something you manage through journaling, visualisation, energy work, and therapy.

The World reversed can signify that you want to fulfil a big goal or complete a big project, but you're not taking all the steps necessary to get there. You may opt for the easiest or quickest path to attain your goal, but it won't lead to the outcome you intend. Climbing a mountain from the bottom up is an entirely different experience from getting a helicopter ride to the peak, even though the destination is the same. You need to experience the trials and tribulations along the way so you can learn and grow. And when you do reach your goal, you will enjoy such a fantastic sense of achievement. Don't be afraid to set stretch goals for yourself, even if it means enduring hardships or challenges along the way; it will make the victory even sweeter.

The reversed World can also indicate a time when you are close to finishing a project or goal, but for whatever reason, you lose focus and slack off right at the end. You only have a short way to go, so why stop now? Re-energise and remind yourself how wonderful life will be when you get the thing you've wanted for so long.

Sometimes, the reversed World can mean a frustrating delay in completing your projects. You might miss an essential piece, and you won't find closure until it gets worked out. You may need to get more creative to figure out how to touch the finish line.

Suggested Card Combinations

World reversed + Four of Cups – Instead of completing an important cycle, you have withdrawn and become apathetic towards the world around you.

World reversed + Five of Cups – You are struggling to come to terms with a disappointment from the past. You need closure.

World reversed + Ten of Swords – A painful and abrupt ending has left you reeling and uncertain about your future path.

World reversed + Two of Wands – With more careful planning and foresight, you will reach your goal.

THE MINOR ARCANA

The 56 Minor Arcana cards reflect the trials and tribulations that we experience on a daily basis. Even though the Minor Arcana are called 'minor', it doesn't mean that these Tarot cards won't have a significant impact in your life. These Tarot cards speak to what's happening in your daily life, and can offer insight into how your present situation is affecting you and what steps you need to take to manifest your goals.

The Minor Arcana cards typically have a temporary influence – that is, they represent an energy that is moving through your life right now and can be easily changed, depending on the actions you take.

The Minor Arcana Suits

There are four different Tarot Suits within the Minor Arcana:

- The **Suit of Cups** represents your feelings, emotions, intuition and creativity. The Cups cards often appear in Tarot readings about relationships and your emotional connection with yourself and others.
- The **Suit of Pentacles** represents your finances, work and material possessions. The Pentacles cards often appear in Tarot readings about career and financial wealth.
- The **Suit of Swords** represents your thoughts, words and actions. The Swords cards often appear in Tarot readings about communicating your ideas, making decisions, and asserting your power.
- The **Suit of Wands** represents your energy, motivation and passion. The Wands cards often appear in Tarot readings about life purpose, spirituality and new ideas.

Each Suit contains 10 numbered cards (Ace to Ten) and 4 Court Cards (Page, Knight, Queen and King).

The 10 numbered cards are also known as the 'pips'. The numbers relate to basic numerology – aces are associated with 1, and then each card is numbered 2 to 10. Here are the meanings for each number:

1. (Aces) New beginnings, opportunity, potential
2. Balance, partnership, duality
3. Creativity, groups, growth
4. Structure, stability, manifestation

5. Change, instability, conflict
6. Communication, cooperation, harmony
7. Reflection, assessment, knowledge
8. Mastery, action, accomplishment
9. Fruition, attainment, fulfilment
10. Completion, end of a cycle, renewal

The Court Cards often represent people or the personality traits you may choose to express at any given time:

- **Pages** – Childlike, curious, spontaneous, exploring new qualities, new beginnings, initiation.
- **Knights** – Prone to excess, adventurous, on a mission, progression towards a goal.
- **Queens** – Draw energy from within, nurturing, receptive, subtle control, grounding.
- **Kings** – Authorities, controlling, domineering, decisive, mature, established.

In a Tarot reading, a Minor Arcana card will show you what's happening in your daily life and how it is affecting you. These practical cards represent the interactions, experiences, thoughts and emotions you encounter as you go about your life. While a Major Arcana card will show you the key life lesson you're learning, a Minor Arcana card will show you the key situation you're dealing with currently. This situation is temporary and has the potential to change based on the actions you choose.

When your Tarot reading has mostly Minor Arcana Tarot cards, it is a sign that you are dealing with day-to-day issues that will not necessarily have a lasting influence on your life. These issues are passing through, presenting you with an opportunity to learn from the experience. Look to any Major Arcana cards in the Tarot reading to identify and understand these lessons and how they may impact your life in the long-term.

THE SUIT OF CUPS

The Suit of Cups cards deal with the emotional level of consciousness and are associated with love, feelings, relationships and connections. Cups Tarot cards indicate that you are thinking with your heart rather than your head, and thus reflect your spontaneous responses and your habitual reactions to situations. Cups are also linked to creativity, romanticism, fantasy and imagination. When a Tarot reading is mostly Cups cards, you are seeking solutions to what are primarily emotional concerns, matters of the heart, relationships, creativity and feelings.

The Suit of Cups is representative of the element of Water: fluid, agile and 'in flow' but it's also very powerful and formative. It can be soft and gentle, like waves lapping against the sandy shore, or it can be powerful and even forceful, like a raging river. The element of water is symbolic of fluidity, feelings and emotions, intuition, relationships, healing, and cleansing. A feminine element, water reflects the subtle power that often resides within women. It is receptive, adaptable, purifying and flowing.

The people represented by the Suit of Cups (typically the Court Cards) are emotional, artistic, humane and creative. They are connected with their emotional selves and will draw energy from what they feel within. They are said to correspond to the water signs in the zodiac (Pisces, Cancer, and Scorpio) and to water as a symbol of the subconscious mind and reason.

The negative aspects of the Suit of Cups include being overly emotional or completely disengaged and dispassionate, having unrealistic expectations and fantasising about what could be. There may be repressed emotions, an inability to truly express oneself or a lack of creativity.

QUICK KEYWORDS CHART: SUIT OF CUPS

ACE

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Love	Self-love
New relationships	Intuition
Compassion	Repressed emotions
Creativity	

TWO

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Unified love	Self-love
Partnership	Break-ups
Mutual attraction	Disharmony
	Distrust

THREE

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Celebration	Independence
Friendship	Alone time
Creativity	Hardcore partying
Collaborations.	'Three's a crowd'

FOUR

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Meditation	Retreat
Contemplation	Withdrawal
Apathy	Checking in for alignment
Reevaluation	

FIVE

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Regret	Personal setbacks
Failure	Self-forgiveness
Disappointment	Moving on
Pessimism	

SIX

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Revisiting the past	Living in the past
Childhood memories	Forgiveness
Innocence	Lacking playfulness
Joy	

SEVEN

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Opportunities	Alignment
Choices	Personal values
Wishful thinking	Overwhelmed by choices
Illusion.	

EIGHT

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Disappointment	Trying one more time
Abandonment	Indecision
Withdrawal	Aimless drifting
Escapism	Walking away

NINE

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Contentment	Inner happiness
Satisfaction	Materialism
Gratitude	Dissatisfaction
Wish come true	Indulgence

TEN

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Divine love	Disconnection
Blissful relationships	Misaligned values
Harmony	Struggling relationships
Alignment	

PAGE

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Creative opportunities	New ideas
Intuitive messages	Doubting intuition
Curiosity	Creative blocks
Possibility	Emotional immaturity

KNIGHT

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Creativity	Overactive imagination
Romance	Unrealistic
Charm	Jealous
Imagination	Moody
Beauty	

QUEEN

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Compassionate	Inner feelings
Caring	Self-care
Emotionally stable	Self-love
Intuitive	Co-dependency
In flow	

KING

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Emotionally balanced	Self-compassion
Compassionate	Inner feelings
Diplomatic	Moodiness
	Emotionally manipulative

ACE OF CUPS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Love, new relationships, compassion, creativity.

Reversed: Self-love, intuition, repressed emotions.

QUOTES

"Let your love be like the misty rains, coming softly but flooding the river." – Malagasy proverb

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart." – Helen Keller (author and political activist)

"My bounty is as boundless as the sea, My love as deep; the more I give to thee, The more I have, for both are infinite." – William Shakespeare

DESCRIPTION

The Ace of Cups shows a chalice overflowing with five streams of water. The cup represents the vessel of your subconscious mind; the five streams are your five senses and the abundant emotion and intuition flowing from within you. The hand holding the cup is sliding out of the clouds, a symbol of your awareness of spiritual energy and influence. Below the hand is a vast sea covered with lotus blossoms, signifying the awakening of the human spirit. A dove descends towards the cup – a symbol of Divine love flowing through the subconscious mind to conscious awareness.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

With the Ace of Cups, Divine love and compassion are pouring through you. You are a vessel for deep, spiritual love from the Universe, and you can't help but let that love flow through you and into the world. You receive love, you give love, you ARE love. Your heart overflows.

Now is the perfect time for you to open your heart and experience the rich flow of emotion available to you right now. You are more receptive to creative opportunities, loving connections, and deep compassion for other living beings. As with all Aces in the Tarot, this card comes as an invitation. Will you take it? Will you say "Yes!" to Divine love and compassion, and will you run with it? The Ace of Cups carries the potential for spiritual and emotional fulfilment – but only if you embrace it with an open heart.

This card often appears in Tarot readings when you are open to creative expression, especially when you can allow your emotions to shine through your endeavours. You may be inspired to start a new project, take an art class or even engage in interpretative dance. At this point in your life, you are comfortable with who you are and happily express this part of yourself to others. You see fresh potential in allowing your creative juices to flow. Let your imagination and talent unfurl to new possibilities.

The Ace of Cups often represents a new relationship, be it a friendship, a new family connection or blossoming romance. It is exciting – fluttery even – and you are so glad to have met someone with whom you can share a special connection. Give yourself permission to open yourself to giving and receiving unconditional love, and you will notice that affection flows effortlessly when you are in this loving state of mind. The water in the card reflects the flow of emotion, and thus, the Ace of Cups suggests that the enthusiasm you two generate will get you fired up about yourself and life.

There is a generous, compassionate side to the Ace of Cups, too. See this as a time of giving (not taking) and make the most of any opportunity to help others. You have the power to share your inner radiance and positive energy, bringing great happiness to those around you. And you will find that the more you give, the more you receive on multiple levels.

Finally, the Ace of Cups can signify conception, pregnancy or birth. Look to the other cards in the reading for further confirmation, such as the Empress, Page of Cups or Four of Wands. On a more metaphorical level, it may mean the birth of a new idea or a spark of inspiration – something in which you can invest a great deal of loving and creative energy.

Career, Work and Finances

In a career-related reading, the Ace of Cups suggests you are experiencing pure joy and emotional fulfilment in your job. You can fully and authentically express yourself, and tap into the 'flow' when you're hard at work.

In a financial reading, the Ace of Cups can be a sign of contentment and happiness, no matter how much you have. You feel rich, not because you have a lot of money, but more because you're content – even joyous. Life is good and you are in the flow; money isn't a concern.

Personality Types

The Ace of Cups personality is full of love. They radiate joy and appreciation, compassion and kindness. They are comfortable with expressing their emotion and wearing their heart on their sleeve. The Ace of Cups is not afraid to cry in a sad movie, to tell you she loves you (even if you have not said it to her yet), and to express great happiness and joy when things are going well.

Relationships and Love

If you are single, then the Ace of Cups is a wonderful card to see in a reading! It suggests the start of a new relationship filled with love and happiness. It has the potential to turn into something more substantial and long-term – if you open your heart and allow yourself to 'feel the feels.'

If you are in a more established, committed relationship, the Ace of Cups could mean that you will rediscover the early spark of romance that brought you together, almost as if you are dating for the first time. Both of you recognise the importance of listening to your heart, and your shared emotional connection only draws you closer together.

In a struggling relationship, the Ace of Cups sees your desire to constructively express and convey your emotions to each other. You both need to create an open and safe space to show yourselves and experience the raw emotion that may rumble beneath the surface.

Spirituality

The Ace of Cups is a profoundly spiritual card that signifies the connection between your subconscious and inner voice and the power to manifest new beginnings. You will perceive the deep connection with your spirit and soul and the Universe, and you are open to new ways to create spiritual transformation.

Well-being and Health

With the Ace of Cups, your health and well-being are likely in a positive state, especially if you can cultivate love and joy in your life. This card can be a sign of renewal or starting over, suggesting that you will have a new lease on life with renewed energy and health.

More literally, pay attention to water within your body. Make sure you are drinking enough water daily.

Journaling Prompts

- How can I express myself creatively?
- How can I express myself emotionally?
- How does love flow through me?

Suggested Card Combinations

Ace of Cups + High Priestess – You are drawing upon your intuition and psychic ability to start a new project or venture.

Ace of Cups + Empress – A possibility of conception, pregnancy or birth.

Ace of Cups + Lovers – A new relationship is likely to lead into a more committed and deeply connected relationship.

Ace of Cups + Judgement – A period of self-reflection and evaluation will lend itself to a new spiritual awakening.

Ace of Cups + Ace of Pentacles – A creative idea may turn into a new business venture with early success.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

Yes, this is the self-love card of the Tarot deck! In the upright position, the Ace of Cups is about love for all things. In the reversed position, it speaks to love for oneself. So, before you send your love out to the world, send love to yourself, filling up every cell in your body with Divine love and happiness. And the more you do this, the more you can exist in flow with life itself.

The reversed Ace of Cups is a sign that you are in connection with your subconscious mind and attuned to your intuition. You are exploring this part of yourself privately right now, and discovering how you can bring more intuition and flow into your life.

On the flipside, the Ace of Cups reversed may be a sign that you are repressing your emotions, not wanting to express yourself fully to the outside world. You have your reasons for keeping your feelings close and not wanting others to know what's going on inside. You may feel embarrassed or afraid of what might happen if you were to express your emotions. You may worry that if you allow your feelings to flow, they might turn into an overwhelming flood that can't be switched off. However, be careful that you do not create an internal blockage by repressing how you feel. If you are not ready to share your emotions – that's okay! You can find ways to release them privately, through journaling, creative projects, movement, or

screaming your frustration and anger out in the car.

In a relationship reading, the reversed Ace of Cups can show that you are withholding your emotions for fear of getting hurt. You know that you must trust in your partner for the relationship to move forward, but, for the time being, you are holding back.

Suggested Card Combinations

Ace of Cups reversed + Four of Cups – You are withdrawing from those around you and refusing to share how you genuinely feel.

Ace of Cups reversed + Nine of Swords – You are internalising your feelings which is causing you to become anxious and stressed about your situation.

TWO OF CUPS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Unified love, partnership, mutual attraction.

Reversed: Self-love, break-ups, disharmony, distrust.

QUOTES

"Love one another but make not a bond of love: Let it rather be a moving sea between the shores of your souls." – Kahlil Gibran (philosophical novelist and poet)

"We seek the comfort of another. Someone to share and share the life we choose. Someone to help us through the never-ending attempt to understand ourselves. And in the end, someone to comfort us along the way." – Marlin Finch Lupus (fictional character played by Martin Mull in the New Adventures of Superman)

"The more connections you and your lover make, not just between your bodies but between your minds, your hearts, and your souls, the more you will strengthen the fabric of your relationship, and the more real moments you will experience together." – Barbara De Angelis (relationship consultant and author)

DESCRIPTION

The Two of Cups shows a young man and woman, exchanging cups and pledging their love for one another. Above them floats the Caduceus of Hermes – a winged staff with two snakes wrapped around it – the ancient symbol of commerce, trade, and exchange. At the top of the caduceus is a lion's head, signifying passion and fire energy and suggesting that there may be a lot of fiery, sexual energy between these two people.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

If the Ace of Cups represents the flow of love from within, the Two of Cups is the flow of love between two people. With this card, you are creating deep connections and partnerships, based on shared values, compassion, and unconditional love. While these relationships are still in the early stages, they have the potential to grow and develop into something deeply fulfilling and rewarding in the long-term. You have mutual respect and appreciation for one another, and together you reach higher planes of consciousness and understanding.

When the Two of Cups card appears in a Tarot reading, you may enter a new partnership, perhaps with a lover, friend or business partner. You are both focused on creating a relationship that is mutually beneficial, one that will create a win-win situation for both parties. You see 'eye to eye' and appreciate what each other can bring to the table.

In a romantic relationship, the Two of Cups shows a blossoming new union based on mutual attraction. There is both a physical and soul connection that leaves you giddy and weak at the knees. You bring out the best in each other and lift each other to even higher levels of potential. The exchange of emotion is heartfelt, and you are both willing to do whatever it takes to support one another. In some cases, the Two of Cups can refer to a marriage, proposal or engagement.

In a business partnership, the Two of Cups is a sign you are both on the same wavelength and share a similar vision for the venture you are creating together. You may not have the same skills as each other, but you create a beautiful synergy when you work together. For example, one of you may be talented at sales and marketing while the other excels at managing the business's operations. A partnership like this – built on trust, harmony, and mutual respect – is likely to succeed so long as you continue to communicate with one another and focus on your shared alignment. (Though, it never hurts to have a contract or agreement in place to ensure this dreamy business partnership continues this way.)

Career, Work and Finances

In a work or business-related reading, the Two of Cups represents a new business partnership or employment relationship filled with positive energy and inspiration for the future.

If you are looking for work, then see the Two of Cups as a positive sign that you will find your ideal fit in a new company. You are likely to receive a job offer and will form an instant connection with your employer and/or colleagues.

Your finances are likely to be well-balanced at this time, enabling you to save while enjoying life. You may look to invest in a partnership with another person.

Personality Types

The Two of Cups is compassionate, cooperative, respectful and caring. This person understands the healing powers of love and prizes her ties with others. She is likely to treat you with deep respect, seeing the Divine Being within you and helping you to reach even higher levels of potential.

Relationships and Love

If you are single and looking for love, then the Two of Cups is a good sign that you will finally meet the person you have been waiting for and a new relationship will blossom. You will connect quickly and deeply with this person. The attraction is mutual, and you may believe you have met your perfect match or even your soulmate. However, remember that this card only reflects the potential for true love and affection—it will be up to you and your partner to make this last in the long-term.

If you are in a relationship, then the Two of Cups suggests you will enjoy a stronger emotional connection with one another. There is a renewed level of romance and intimacy between you both, and you will get all those yummy feelings you had when you first met one another.

If you have been struggling in your relationship, then the Two of Cups heralds a truce and the chance to see eye to eye again. Finally, there will be a resolution, and you will forgive and forget the past. This card may also be a sign that you will reconcile with a past lover and create new ways of connecting with one another founded on love, compassion and kindness.

Spirituality

The Two of Cups indicates that you are in alignment with the Universe and yourself. You recognise the Divine in all beings, including yourself, and you honour this beauty in everyone. You are 'in flow' with the Universal energies and open to the love that surrounds you.

Well-being and Health

If you are dealing with any health concerns, the Two of Cups suggests that you may find the best support from working with just one healer or practitioner in whom you can wholeheartedly trust and confide. This is someone who sees your whole self and understands health as a holistic system rather than a series of individual symptoms – someone who 'gets' you and with whom you share a special bond.

To improve your health and well-being, the Two of Cups suggests that you need to focus on creating balance, peace and harmony in your life. Do what you know is right for you instead of looking for a quick fix.

Journaling Prompts

- With whom do I share a soul connection?
- How can I give and receive love?
- How can I see the Divine in all beings?

Suggested Card Combinations

Two of Cups + High Priestess – A soulmate connection.

Two of Cups + Lovers – A new relationship is likely to turn into a committed and long-lasting connection or even marriage.

Two of Cups + Temperance – A very balanced and cooperative relationship that is not necessarily a romantic connection.

Two of Cups + Ten of Cups – A loving home and family environment where all family members connect with one another.

Two of Cups + Ace of Pentacles – The start of a prosperous business partnership based on mutual respect and aligned goals.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

At its essence, the reversed Two of Cups is about self-love. Love, in any form, starts with love for yourself. When you love yourself unconditionally, you accept and appreciate who you are, and you respect and honour the most authentic version of yourself. You welcome a life of happiness because you fundamentally believe you deserve it (and you're right!). When you come from this place of self-love, self-acceptance, and self-respect, you will have more fulfilling, loving relationships with others. It all starts with self-love.

Here's the thing: if you don't love yourself, you'll end up projecting that lack onto others, becoming clingy and attached, attracting the wrong kinds of relationships to you, or worse, ending up in harmful situations. Here is the shadow side of the Two of Cups reversed. So, before you seek out your Prince Charming or tie the knot with your lifetime love, make sure you've filled your cup with all that beautiful love juice for yourself first. To find fulfilment in your life and relationships, find the love within you and give it to yourself. No other person, material possession, or accomplishment can do it for you.

The Two of Cups reversed can sometimes signal a break-up or a falling out. You are out of sync with each other and don't share the same emotional connection you did in the past. You may notice a lack of trust and being open with one another is proving difficult. Communication

may be restricted or withheld, and the energy flow between you stifled. To turn this situation around, open up, share, and hold a safe space for one another to express your feelings. Even with one conversation, you can shift the energy flow dramatically.

Suggested Card Combinations

Two of Cups reversed + Hermit – You need to be alone right now and may seek a break or break-up from your relationship.

Two of Cups reversed + Three of Pentacles reversed – A lack of collaboration with your colleagues or bosses is leading to a lack of productivity.

Two of Cups reversed + Three of Swords – The end of a relationship which causes heartbreak and pain. Perhaps it was not a mutual break-up.

Two of Cups reversed + Five of Wands – A high level of conflict and tension in a relationship is blocking a harmonious connection.

THREE OF CUPS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Celebration, friendship, creativity, collaborations.

Reversed: Independence, alone time, hardcore partying, 'three's a crowd'.

QUOTES

"Maybe our girlfriends are our soul mates and guys are just people to have fun with." – Candace Bushnell (author of Sex and the City)

"The glory of friendship is not the outstretched hand, nor the kindly smile, nor the joy of companionship; it is the spiritual inspiration that comes to one when you discover that someone else believes in you and is willing to trust you with a friendship." – Ralph Waldo Emerson (philosopher and poet)

"Each friend represents a world in us, a world possibly not born until they arrive, and it is only by this meeting that a new world is born." – Anais Nin (author)

DESCRIPTION

In the Three of Cups, three young women are dancing with each other in a circle, raising their cups high in the air in a toast of joy and celebration. They look to one another with appreciation, honour and respect, and are bound by their emotional connection and friendship. There is a sense of lifting each other up and celebrating each woman's unique contribution to the group. The ground is layered with flowers, fruit and a pumpkin, symbolising the celebration of an abundant harvest and the goodness in life.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Three of Cups is a card of celebration, friendship, sisterhood, and creative collaborations. Your friends and family are here to support you and lift you up to even higher levels of success. Celebrate with them and enjoy their camaraderie.

This card reminds me of the wonderful connection shared by the four female characters in Sex and the City—Carrie, Charlotte, Samantha and Miranda. They stand by each other through thick and thin, and they are always there for one another as they make their way through relationships, careers and different life journeys. Nearly every episode shows them enjoying each other's company, often over a cosmopolitan at a swanky Manhattan restaurant. You get the feeling that these girls will be friends forever and know they can always count on each other for support and compassion.

When the Three of Cups appears in a Tarot reading, you are encouraged to gather with your closest friends and have a good time together, talking, laughing, sharing and creating. Together, you give and receive the love, support and compassion each of you needs from one another. You may be inspired to host a girls' night out, a weekend away, or start a women's circle so you can join forces with like-minded people. The energy is high, and you're here to do amazing things together.

The Three of Cups often indicates a very sociable period – perhaps a birthday, a wedding, the holiday season or a vacation with friends. See it as your opportunity to let your hair down and forget about your day-to-day commitments and obligations for a while. Instead, spend quality time with friends and family and enjoy yourself!

This card also invites you to collaborate with others on a creative project and inspire one another to reach new heights. Collectively, you are working towards a common goal for the greater good of others, and by reaching out to others and banding together, you can achieve a great deal by sharing your positive energy and passion with the wider community. The Three of Cups is a very creative card, suggesting that you may pursue a creative outlet within a group environment, such as an art class or a dance class. This is a great way to connect with others and to access your creative abilities.

Career, Work and Finances

In a work-related reading, the Three of Cups represents a harmonious and collegiate work environment. You and your colleagues are engaged in your work and are having a lot of fun along the way. You may find that your workload is not too high at the moment and you can enjoy some downtime. Even if work is busy, you are enjoying it so much that you do not notice the long work hours or demanding schedules.

If you are looking for work, you may benefit from connecting with your social networks and

maintaining your relationships with others. Often, a new job gets found not through job boards, but by whom you know, so stay connected with your various networks to maximise the potential.

Financially, now is a critical time not to be too attached to money. Remember that life is abundant and that your needs will always be met. Focus on spending quality time with your friends and family and do not be too concerned about how much money is coming in and out for now.

Personality Types

The Three of Cups personality is joyful, collaborative, motivational and compassionate. She is a social person who has established many close friendships throughout her life and approaches life with a 'glass is half full' attitude. Three of Cups personalities can often be found having fun, smiling and engaging with others. They are highly sensitive to other people's needs and will take care that their actions do not harm others. He or she may also be quite the party-goer, enjoying the social scene and indulging in lots of fun, party activities.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, the Three of Cups suggests that this may be a better time to focus just on meeting lots of new people and spending quality time with your close friends. You do not need to make a firm commitment right now. Instead, enjoy your freedom and have some fun along the way! You may find that spending more time with your friends and family will open your heart to new possibilities.

If you have recently started a new relationship, you will no doubt be enjoying a lot of fun dates together and spending time not only with each other but also your friends. This is a great time when you can just enjoy each other's company and not be too worried about long-term commitments. Your relationship is still in quite a flirtatious, honeymoon stage and you are both enjoying a casual and fun relationship together. You might be keeping your options open and exploring other relationships at the same time.

In a more established relationship, the Three of Cups suggests that you will rediscover the fun element to your relationship and you will be able to leave behind your usual routines and commitments. If things have been difficult between you and your partner, you can put this behind you for now and just enjoy the good times you have together.

Sometimes, the Three of Cups can show that three people are involved in a relationship. A reversed Three of Cups can signify an affair, but the upright Three is more representative of a harmonious threesome. You may have agreed with your partner to keep an open relationship, or the third person may be a mutual friend who is close to you both or even a child of one of the partners.

If you recently went through a breakup, the Three of Cups suggests that you may stay friends with your ex, or that you may still be in touch through mutual friends. This card is also a

positive sign you will find that your close friends are an excellent source of happiness and provide great company. Enjoy being single!

Spirituality

In a spiritual reading, the Three of Cups suggests that you may be in a great position to pursue your spiritual goals in the company of friends or those who share similar interests. You might join a women's circle or spiritual development group – perhaps even a spiritual retreat where you can connect with other like-minded individuals.

Well-being and Health

The Three of Cups suggests that you can boost your personal well-being and health by reducing stress wherever possible and engaging in more fun and social activities. However, don't overdo it – you may be prone to over-eating, over-drinking, and over-indulging whilst enjoying the company of others.

Journaling Prompts

- How can I enjoy the company of my friends?
- What am I celebrating?
- What new creative collaborations are emerging for me?

Suggested Card Combinations

Three of Cups + Empress – You will have a profoundly positive impact on your friends and loved ones by sharing your inner sense of fulfilment and abundance with them.

Three of Cups + Three of Pentacles – Very harmonious and collegiate relationships at work that lead to higher productivity and engagement.

Three of Cups + Three of Swords – A challenging or traumatic event will unite you with others who have been through a similar experience and who can act as a source of support.

Three of Cups + Three of Wands – You may be looking to go into business or start a new venture with a close friend or group of friends.

Three of Cups + Five of Wands – You may disagree with a close friend, but you will work things out when you begin to listen to each other with compassion and love.

Three of Cups + Eight of Wands – Time for a weekend away or travel with a close friend.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

While the upright Three of Cups is a card of friendship and social events, the reversal of this card suggests that you would prefer to go it alone right now. You may have recently spent a lot of time with others and now just need some alone time. Or perhaps you are no longer 'clicking' with some of your friends or a social group and are ready to move on. Or sometimes, you might find yourself on the 'outer', excluded from other people's circles and feeling isolated and alone. Honour your desire to step out of the social scene for a while and enjoy this time by yourself so you can get clear on who you most want to connect with in the future.

If you are involved in a creative project, now may be the time to work independently rather than in a group. The reversed Three of Cups can show that your creativity is being stifled, or you are being forced to conform to the group. You may be part of a tight-knit club that does things a certain way and is not open to innovation or alternative approaches. You need to consider whether you are willing to sacrifice your creative abilities in favour of the group's desires.

If you are experiencing high levels of stress or you've been working hard, the reversed Three of Cups appears as a message to take some time off to recuperate and gain the support of friends before returning to reality. You may have been working so hard that you've lost your connection with your friends and family. Now is the time to reconnect and reprioritise their love and support. See this card as a reminder to reconnect with the people you care about, let loose and have a good time, without worrying too much about the consequences.

On the other hand, the Three of Cups reversed may signify overindulgence. You may be out most nights partying, doing drugs or drinking heavily when what you need is balance in your life. Be mindful about the longer-term consequences of your actions and ask yourself whether this lifestyle is sustainable. Take a break from the social scene to regroup and get some much-needed sleep.

When it comes to relationship readings, the reversed Three of Cups can sometimes appear when a third person is involved. You may be involved with someone who is already in a relationship with someone else, whether you know it or not. Look to the other cards for more detail. The Seven of Swords signals a betrayal of trust and possible cheating. If you see the Five of Swords, you likely already know about the other relationship, but you are trying to ignore that it exists. If you see the Devil, consider the nature of the relationship as it is likely to be hedonistic and unhealthy to those involved. It is unlikely that this situation is sustainable as 'three's a crowd,' and something has to give.

Suggested Card Combinations

Three of Cups reversed + Hierophant – Stifled creativity due to the need to conform to the group mindset.

Three of Cups reversed + Devil – Overindulgence in drugs and alcohol and the party scene.

Three of Cups reversed + Seven of Swords – An affair or unfaithful partner may come to light (to the shock of the partner).

FOUR OF CUPS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Meditation, contemplation, apathy, reevaluation.

Reversed: Retreat, withdrawal, checking in for alignment.

QUOTES

"A man, who realises the potential of his mind by means of introspection and contemplation, he does not lack self-confidence. He has control over his mind and he is able to realise its full potential." – Sama Veda (ancient Hindu scripture)

"The more man meditates upon good thoughts, the better will be his world and the world at large." – Confucius

DESCRIPTION

The Four of Cups shows a young man sitting under a tree with his arms crossed, deep in contemplation and meditation. He is so engrossed in his thoughts that he does not seem to notice the outstretched arm offering him a cup. A further three cups stand at his feet, but again, he doesn't seem to notice or care about these new opportunities either.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

When the Four of Cups turns up in a Tarot reading, new invitations and opportunities are flowing to you, but for now, you're saying "no" and turning them away. Perhaps the prospects do not interest you, or your cup is full, or you already have too much on your plate. Use your discernment to decide on what is truly important to you, and don't be afraid to decline new

projects that don't align with your future path.

The Four of Cups can also indicate a time when you are turning your attention and your energy internally, to realign to this new phase of your life. You know that you need to be standing on terra firma before you can decide your next steps. While you may need to decline some very alluring opportunities, you do so knowing you will be in a better position to say 'yes' to the opportunities that are a better fit for you. You are creating the space within yourself so that you are ready to accept new opportunities later and give them the best possibility of success. Use this time for inward reflection, grounding, and contemplation before accepting the next 'big thing'.

Sometimes this card brings the message, 'Not now, but maybe later.' While the man in the Four of Cups doesn't accept the cups offered to him, he doesn't wholly reject them either. You may be waiting for a sign or further information before taking an invitation or new project. Check in emotionally and spiritually before you say 'yes', to make sure the opportunity is a good fit and that you can commit to it in the long-term.

The Four of Cups can appear when you are bored or dissatisfied with your everyday life. You may feel disengaged, apathetic or unmotivated – maybe life has become dull. The Four of Cups invites you to bring your attention inward and re-evaluate your situation to find a deeper meaning in what you do. You may have found yourself disconnected from your emotional self and inner truth, and need to re-establish this connection so you can get a greater sense of purpose and direction. Now could be an excellent time to switch off from the distractions of the external world – social media, the news and other people's stories – to allow you the space to listen to your own voice and inner knowing and gain more clarity.

The Four of Cups may show that you have shut yourself off from new opportunities because you have been hurt or rejected before. The man in this card has his arms crossed as if protecting himself and closing off from the external world. You may have had a relationship end in heartbreak or experienced failure in your career and now want to avoid getting in the same predicament again. However, you may miss out on new opportunities that are an excellent fit for you. Check in on a soul level and question whether shutting yourself down is the best course of action, or if it's time to open up to the possibilities available to you.

Career, Work and Finances

In a career-related reading, the Four of Cups suggests that you may disengage from your job or turn down new opportunities because you're bored and want to move on. It may be best to find a new position or ask your manager for more engaging tasks.

If you have been looking for a new job, you may have received an offer but are not ready to decide, hoping something better will come along. Try to learn more about the organisation and the work you'd be doing before you accept or reject the offer.

Financially, you are avoiding any new opportunities for investment. Weigh your options before making any firm commitments.

Personality Types

The Four of Cups personality is contemplative and, at times, withdrawn. He prefers to think before he acts, taking as much time as needed to process thoughts and feelings before committing. You will often hear him say, "I need to go away and have a think about that first." If you make an appealing offer to a Four of Cups person, and they seem uninterested, do not be too concerned. He or she just needs more time to mull it over and whether it aligns with his or her needs.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, the Four of Cups suggests that you are not making any commitments just yet. Perhaps you haven't found the right person just yet, or you're turning down potential suitors left, right and centre. Be mindful, though, that you run the risk of closing yourself off to real, fulfilling relationships. Are you being too specific about who's the right match for you? Do you need to loosen your criteria a bit to open to a new possibility?

If you are in a relationship, you may want more time on your own to reflect on your relationship and other pressing issues. Be careful, though, that you are not isolating yourself from your partner and shutting him or her out. Keep the lines of communication open with your partner so he or she does not feel neglected.

Spirituality

The Four of Cups suggests that you may be closed off to the external world so you can get clear about your personal values and beliefs. Rather than being actively involved in the day-to-day drama, Take time out for retreat and introspection to rediscover what's important to you.

Well-being and Health

In a health reading, the Four of Cups suggests that you may need to take more time to reflect and meditate, restoring your energy levels before taking on the next challenge. From a mental health perspective, you may be lacking motivation. Be careful that you do not isolate yourself from others, especially those offering help.

Journaling Prompts

- What new opportunities are in alignment with my Highest Good?
- What opportunities do I need to decline?
- How can I create the space for new possibilities to emerge?

Suggested Card Combinations

Four of Cups + Hermit – Withdrawal and isolation from others to reflect and meditate on your spiritual and inner needs.

Four of Cups + Temperance – Giving up the excesses of life to find peace, balance and inner tranquillity.

Four of Cups + Five of Cups – Possible depression because of past regrets or disappointments. Try to focus on the positive aspects of life.

Four of Cups + Four of Swords – Spending more time on your own, resting and relaxing whilst restoring your energy levels.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The Four of Cups reversed reflects a period of introspection and withdrawal. You are retreating into your own inner world so you can concentrate on what is integral to you and what grounds you. Others may want to spend time with you or invite you out, but you'd prefer to stay in and read a good book or meditate in your sacred space. Just be careful that you don't shut off your friends and loved ones or appear disinterested in their lives. Let them know you need some alone time and that you'll reach out again when you're ready to re-emerge.

If you are feeling withdrawn, don't force yourself to go out. Just 'be' in this space, and when you're ready, start to re-integrate with the world around you. You won't be a 'hermit' forever – it's just a temporary state of being. Appreciate it and make the most of it.

You may use this time of introspection to check in with your inner self to make sure your upcoming projects and endeavours are a good fit. Instead of saying 'yes' straight away, step back and assess the situation first. That said, be careful that you don't lose this opportunity as you wait for an answer. Check for an expiry date or deadline and be sure not to miss it.

At times the Four of Cups reversed suggests that you feel uninspired, disillusioned, or disappointed with the world around you. Everything seems hard, and instead of dealing with it head on, you're choosing to retreat. You may avoid the challenges of the external world hoping that if you step out, the problems will go away. But let's be real: they will need your attention eventually.

The Four of Cups reversed might mean you are reluctant to open your heart to someone or to express your true feelings, choosing to withdraw and isolate yourself from the other person instead. Be mindful of how this could impact those who are close to you and consider their needs along with your own.

Suggested Card Combinations

Four of Cups reversed + Death – After a period of introspection and contemplation, you are ready to embrace change and transformation.

Four of Cups reversed + World – Taking part in a community initiative and reconnecting with the people around you.

Four of Cups reversed + Eight of Pentacles – Making an effort to reintegrate with others and to prove your abilities.

FIVE OF CUPS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Regret, failure, disappointment, pessimism.

Reversed: Personal setbacks, self-forgiveness, moving on.

QUOTES

"The secret of health for both mind and body is not to mourn for the past, worry about the future, or anticipate troubles but to live in the present moment wisely and earnestly." – Buddha

"There is no better than adversity. Every defeat, every heartbreak, every loss, contains its own seed, its own lesson on how to improve your performance the next time." – Malcolm X (minister and activist)

"When you make a mistake, do not look back at it long. Take the reason of the thing into your mind, and then look forward. Mistakes are lessons of wisdom. The past cannot be changed. The future is yet in your power." – Phyllis Bottome (novelist)

DESCRIPTION

The Five of Cups shows a man in a long black cloak looking down on three cups that have been knocked over – symbolic of his disappointments and failures. Behind him stand two cups representing new opportunities and potential, but because he is so fixed on his losses (the over-turned cups), he misses the opportunities available to him.

In the background, a bridge crosses a large, flowing river and leads to the security of the castle or home on the opposite side of the riverbank – if only he can move on from the over-turned cups. The bridge is a message to 'build a bridge and get over it!'

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Five of Cups often appears in a Tarot reading when a situation hasn't turned out the way you expected, and you are sad, regretful, and disappointed. Instead of moving on with your life, you are choosing to wallow in your self-pity. All you can focus on right now is what went wrong and how you failed. Sweetheart, it's time to get over it! Sure, feel the feels, but set yourself a time limit for your self-pity and then pull yourself together and move on.

The Five of Cups suggests you're stuck in the past and can't let go. Old wounds and bitter memories flood your mind as you think about what happened. You may blame yourself or believe you're a victim of life's circumstances. These negative emotions are holding you back from your fullest potential – release them so you can move on and create positive change.

Forgiveness is vital with the Five of Cups, both of yourself and others. If someone has disappointed you, find it within your heart to forgive that person, releasing yourself from the disappointment. And if you are frustrated with yourself, know that you did the best you could under the circumstances and have now learned from your mistakes.

Remember, too, that hindsight is much clearer than foresight and wisdom in the present moment comes from the mistakes of the past. Reflect on what led you to this point and understand what valuable lessons you can take from the experience. Even when things go pear-shaped, you can always take away something positive by reflecting on the lessons learned.

The Five of Cups shows you that, even though things aren't going your way, new opportunities and possibilities are waiting for you – but only when you are ready. It's time to shift your mindset and focus on what can go right from this point onwards. Be open to the brighter side of life and know many blessings are in disguise right now. Instead of giving in to a 'glass is half empty' perspective, look at it as the 'glass is half full'.

Career, Work and Finances

In a work-related reading, the Five of Cups acknowledges that you may have found yourself in a position you regret, one where you have let others down or made mistakes. Instead of dwelling on it, take responsibility for the choices you made, learn from your mistakes, then move on. Look for new opportunities to refocus on what you do well and rebuild your reputation.

If you are looking for work, you may receive several rejection letters. Don't let it get to you; trust that you will eventually find success so long as you keep a positive attitude. Keep applying for the jobs where you have the highest chances of success and know your time will come.

Financially, you may experience a minor or temporary setback. Do not fret. It is brief, and soon you will find ways to regain what you have lost.

Personality Types

The Five of Cups personality is often pessimistic, fixated on what's not working over what's going well. Conversations with him will usually centre on problems and concerns, with little focus on finding a solution. Often, this card relates to a person who lives in the past and struggles to let go of old grievances and disappointments.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, you may find yourself temporarily disappointed as someone with a lot of promise and potential is not quite who you thought they were (or they are not as interested in the relationship as you hoped). You may need to reassess your expectations if this becomes a pattern and make sure you are not expecting too much too soon from your new relationships. If you are having little luck in love, try a different approach or invest time in creating positive energy in your life.

If you are in a relationship, the Five of Cups suggests that you may soon reach a point where the two of you go your separate ways... or at least take a break from each other. The Five of Cups carries a lot of hurt and disappointment, so it is best to give yourself time to heal before moving on to a reconciliation or new relationship. Give yourself time and space to heal before jumping back out there. A day will come when you realise that this relationship ended so you could have the one you want: a partnership that works for you and works well.

Spirituality

On a spiritual level, the Five of Cups invites you to forgive and move on. Not only are you being asked to forgive others, but you are also being asked to forgive yourself. Through self-acceptance and the understanding that you are trying to do your best, you can release yourself of any pain associated with past disappointments. It happened, and now it's time to let go and move forward.

Well-being and Health

In a health reading, the Five of Cups suggests that you may be disappointed with your current health or something that has recently occurred. However, for your physical health to improve, your spiritual and emotional health must be sound. A recommended read is Louise Hay's, You Can Heal Your Life, about aligning body, mind and spirit to achieve optimal health.

Journaling Prompts

- What can I learn from my mistakes?
- How can I let go of any lingering disappointment?
- What new opportunities are available right now?

Suggested Card Combinations

Five of Cups + Lovers – A significant relationship break-up that is challenging to overcome.

Five of Cups + Judgement – Use this period of disappointment and loss to learn something about yourself and to bring spiritual enlightenment.

Five of Cups + Five of Pentacles – A financial loss has left you disillusioned and disappointed on an emotional level. Remember: money is only one part of life and many other opportunities await you.

Five of Cups + Nine of Wands – Remind yourself of the inner reserve of strength and ability you can release to overcome temporary setbacks.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The reversed Five of Cups suggests that you have recently suffered a personal setback or disappointment. You may worry that you are a 'failure' and don't want to let others know you've taken the wrong path. Or you may not be ready to admit it to others and are choosing to keep your feelings to yourself instead. However, now might be the time to open up. People around you may not see how much pain you're in right now, so don't be afraid to ask for help or talk with someone you trust; you may find it lessens the emotional pain. You'll find that by sharing your feelings with others, you'll realise that you can overcome this temporary setback.

If you feel guilty or ashamed about what happened, blaming yourself for the mistakes you made, the reversed Five of Cups encourages you to forgive yourself and move on. Know that you did the best you could. This may be the perfect opportunity for you to practice the Hawaiian forgiveness ritual, Ho'oponopono, where you say sorry, ask for forgiveness, express gratitude and move into love.

When this card turns up in a Tarot reading, you are realising the full implications of the past, and you appreciate the lessons learned from the experience. You may even recognise the value of the painful experience in the broader scheme of things.

The Five of Cups reversed serves as a reminder that you cannot undo the past – what has

happened, has happened. It is now time to let go of what no longer serves you emotionally, and open to the new opportunities available to you. You are discovering how to be open and take risks again, especially those of the heart. If you have suffered setbacks, you will find that you will be more hopeful about the future and engage with the exciting, creative side of life again.

Suggested Card Combinations

Five of Cups reversed + Fool – A fresh start following a temporary setback.

Five of Cups reversed + Six of Cups – Spending too much time in the past and not focusing on the future.

SIX OF CUPS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Revisiting the past, childhood memories, innocence, joy.

Reversed: Living in the past, forgiveness, lacking playfulness.

QUOTES

"Keeping in touch with childhood memories keeps us believing in life's simplest pleasures like a rainy afternoon, a swing set, and a giant puddle to play in." – Chrissy Ogden (photographer)

"Happy memories become treasures in the heart to pull out on the tough days of adulthood." – Charlotte Davis Kasl (author)

"There is a garden in every childhood, an enchanted place where colours are brighter, the air softer, and the morning more fragrant than ever again." – Elizabeth Lawrence (author)

DESCRIPTION

In the Six of Cups, a young boy leans down and passes a cup filled with flowers to a younger girl. The girl looks up to the boy with love and respect as he offers the flowers to her. Love, harmony and co-operation – all key elements of the Six of Cups – shine through this gentle act. The young children also represent childhood memories.

In the background, an older man walks away in the distance, as if to say you no longer need to worry about adult issues; just enjoy the moment of being young, innocent and free again. The children also appear to be standing in the courtyard of a large home, symbolising comfort, safety and security. In the foreground stand four more cups filled with flowers, and a fifth cup sits on a pedestal behind the boy.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Six of Cups is a card that takes you back to the happy memories from your past, whether as a child, teenager or young adult. You may simply be revisiting those memories in your mind, or you may travel back to your childhood home or reconnect with your childhood friends. You could go to a high school reunion or reconnect with an old buddy. A teenage sweetheart or past lover may turn up again. These connections bring you a sense of joy and happiness as you reminisce over all the fun times you had together. Take this occasion to explore whether you still have a lot in common and if you wish to continue the relationship now.

The Six of Cups often shows an increased level of harmony and cooperation in your relationships. You are ready to give and receive, without expectation. You are also willing to give each other the benefit of the doubt, having moved on from the challenging emotions of the Five of Cups. It's time to turn over a new leaf and start afresh from a more positive place.

The Six of Cups invites you to get in touch with your inner child and experience the fun, freedom and innocence that comes with being a young child again. You might like to sit down with an adult colouring book, dance like no-one is watching you, play your favourite childhood games or spend more time around (happy) children. When you give yourself permission to be playful, spontaneous, and creative, you connect more with your authentic self and your intuition.

The Six of Cups can also refer to children in your life. It can suggest a pregnancy (perhaps twins), a birth and siblings who play nicely together. It may also be a sign that you are about to spend more time with young children, playing, laughing and learning together. Children are often here to teach you something about yourself and can serve as great advisors. Kids also set good examples for how to stay present, open-minded and curious. They see the world as a magical place and their hearts are open to the myriad of pleasures available to them.

Career, Work and Finances

In a work-related reading, the Six of Cups may suggest that you will return to a familiar work setting or even a place from your childhood. You may also experience more co-operation, joy and harmony in your work, where others are more willing to help you succeed.

Financially, the Six of Cups suggests that someone may offer you a surprise financial gift, perhaps someone from your past or through family inheritance.

Personality Types

Six of Cups personalities are very childlike, youthful, generous, innocent and, at times, naïve. They have a playful spark in their eyes and can connect well with children because they are so in touch with their own inner children. He or she is an open, loving and genuine person who likes to share his or her gifts and blessings with others for little in return, and may prefer to live in the past, particularly if that past is full of happy memories.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, the Six of Cups suggests that you may reunite with a past love or someone from your childhood but the relationship this time will be different as you have both evolved and matured.

Alternatively, you may be thinking a lot about your previous relationships and partners and considering whether you wish to explore the relationship once again – even if you are already with someone else.

If you have recently broken up with your partner, then the Six of Cups shows that you are often reflecting on the past relationship. Sometimes it is easy to get so caught up with how a relationship used to be that you forget what it became. Even if you had a wonderful past together, you need to assess the relationship for what it is now.

Spirituality

Connect with your inner child and rediscover the playful spirit that lies within – you'll be glad you did. You may also enjoy returning to a familiar setting or revisiting spiritual rituals from your childhood. Or maybe you could explore the ancient traditions of your ancestors.

Well-being and Health

If you are struggling with health problems, the Six of Cups suggests that your childhood may hold vital clues as to what you are experiencing now. Perhaps an illness you suffered from as a child is affecting you, or you need to be aware of a family history of disease. Your memories may also influence you in the present moment; hypnotherapy may be beneficial to work through them.

Journaling Prompts

- What childhood memories bring me joy?
- How can I bring more childlike energy into my present life?
- How can I open my heart to others?

Suggested Card Combinations

Six of Cups + Fool – Reconnecting with your inner child to release you from the past and help you start a new journey.

Six of Cups + Empress – A possible pregnancy, birth or adoption of young children.

Six of Cups + Lovers – Reconnecting with a past romantic partner or high school sweetheart.

Six of Cups + Three of Cups – Reconnecting with good friends from your past. A high school reunion or celebration.

Six of Cups + Ten of Cups – Feeling blessed and joyful about the relationships you have accumulated and developed over the years.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

When the reversed Six of Cups appears in a reading, ask whether you're clinging to the past and losing touch with the present. Reflection and nostalgia may bring up positive or negative feelings, but either way, when you find yourself wishing for 'how things used to be' and not living in the present, you miss out on the opportunities right in front of you. It's OK to indulge a little in reminiscing about the past, as long as you understand that true and lasting change can only happen in the present moment. See the Six of Cups as an opportunity to make peace with the past so you can focus on the now. Learn from your mistakes, forgive others and yourself, and acknowledge that life is continually evolving. Let go of the past and bring your attention firmly into the present.

The reversed Six of Cups may also be a sign you have lost touch with your inner child and life has become boring, repetitive, and 'stale'. You might be closed off from new opportunities and gifts from the Universe, simply because you are taking on too much of the responsibility and heaviness that come with 'adulting'. Open yourself to a curious mind and to have fun as though you were a child again. If you find yourself saying, "Oh but I don't have time!" then make time!! Play! Have some time out. Go jump in puddles or build sand castles.

The Six of Cups reversed might be a sign that you are taking a private walk down memory lane. Perhaps you are thinking about an ex, or you've even started seeing each other again, but you want to keep this information quiet. You may be reluctant to let others know that you are revisiting these old memories or relationships, in fear that they may judge you.

Suggested Card Combinations

Six of Cups reversed + Four of Cups – Living in the past is preventing you from seeing future opportunities.

Six of Cups reversed + Three of Swords – You are still harbouring a pain, grief, or sorrow from a past loss and are struggling to move on.

Six of Cups reversed + Nine of Swords – You are holding onto a lot of guilt and worry related to a past situation. You need to forgive yourself and others to release yourself from its hold.

SEVEN OF CUPS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Opportunities, choices, wishful thinking, illusion.

Reversed: Alignment, personal values, overwhelmed by choices.

QUOTES

"If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them." – Henry David Thoreau (author of Walden)

"The way to activate the seeds of your creation is by making choices about the results you want to create. When you make a choice, you activate vast human energies and resources, which otherwise go untapped. All too often people fail to focus their choices upon results and therefore their choices are ineffective. If you limit your choices only to what seems possible or reasonable, you disconnect yourself from what you truly want, and all that is left is compromise." – Robert Fritz (author, composer and film maker)

DESCRIPTION

In the Seven of Cups, a man stands before seven cups filled with various gifts. Some cups bear desirable gifts such as jewels and a wreath of victory. But others hold gifts that are not gifts at all; instead, they are curses, such as the snake or dragon. The clouds and the cups symbolise the man's wishes and dreams, and the different gifts inside suggest that you need to be careful what you wish for as not everything is as it seems. Choices need to be made, but in doing so, you must go beyond illusion and allure, and instead focus on what's right for you.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Seven of Cups is a card of new opportunities, choices, and at times, illusion. When the Seven of Cups appears in a Tarot reading, you have many options and opportunities from which you can choose. But be careful! You are prone to illusion and unrealistic ideals. An opportunity with promises of more money, more fame, or more power may sound appealing, but as you look deeper into what is on offer, you may realise it's not everything it's cracked up to be. Your ego may pull you in a specific direction, but it's important you check in with your Higher Self first. Evaluate your options and dig below the surface to discover what's involved with each choice.

Often, the Seven of Cups can be a sign of wishful thinking and projecting into the future about what you would like to create, rather than taking action here in the present to make it happen. For example, you may wish for a fitter, more healthy body, until it's time to get out there and exercise. Or you might wish for a successful business fuelled by passive income, but you're not ready and willing to put in the hard work now to enjoy the fruits of your labour later. If you spend most of your time wishing but not doing the work, then it's time to choose just one thing and make it happen.

You may find that your ideas are not grounded in reality. Your plans might sound fabulous in your imagination, but when it comes to implementing them, you may realise they do not work in the real world.

The Seven of Cups may be a sign of 'shiny object syndrome', where you keep finding the 'next big thing' but fail to see any of those new opportunities through to the end. When you are constantly in the idea phase, you miss the chance to bring your designs into fruition. Again, now is a time to focus on the one thing that will move you closer to your goal; resist the temptation to get side-tracked with other ideas as they arise. If need be, note your ideas as they come up, but stay focused on the one thing you're doing.

This card is inviting you to move out of the ideas and options phase and choose. Each will have its pros and cons – it's up to you to make sure that the option you select is in alignment with your purpose and your Highest Good – even if you feel somewhat paralysed by the options available to you.

Career, Work and Finances

In a work-related reading, the Seven of Cups suggests that you have a variety of choices available to you. You may have job offers, business opportunities or projects you can work on. Before you invest your time and energy, do your research and know what you are signing up for – if an offer seems too good to be true, it probably is too good to be true.

Financially, now is not the time to make impulse purchases or high-risk, 'get rich quick'

investments. Before making any moves, get professional advice and do your research so you can feel confident with your choices.

Personality Types

The Seven of Cups personality is a dreamer and highly optimistic about the choices and opportunities in life. When you need inspiration, go visit her – but if you need a reality check or you just want to get on with things, then steer clear for now. The Seven of Cups is also an entrepreneurial 'ideas person' who is always coming up with the next big thing. The successful ones will know how to turn their ideas into action because, without action, an idea can be worthless.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, the Seven of Cups indicates that you have potential suitors trying to win you over. Not all will be the people they say they are, so be specific about what you want in a relationship, weigh your choices thoughtfully and be honest with everyone involved (including yourself) before moving ahead.

In an established relationship, the Seven of Cups suggests that you could be confronted with an array of options that may or may not involve your current relationship. You will need to work out what is most important to you, not only in the present but the future. Resist the tempting opportunities that offer short-term pleasure but long-term pain, such as extra-marital affairs or one-night stands. Consider your long-term goals and commit to a realistic outcome.

Spirituality

In a spiritual reading, the Seven of Cups invites you to see the world through optimistic eyes. Look for the blessings in disguise and cue in to the opportunities available to you. Stay in alignment with your personal values and the most authentic part of yourself so you can consciously pick which opportunities you'll pursue. Listen to your intuition and follow your heart – you will know the right path to take.

Well-being and Health

When the Seven of Cups pops up in a health reading, you may be exploring different treatment options available to you, including some that have not been thoroughly tested or endorsed by the medical profession. Before committing yourself to these treatment options, make sure you do your research and be mindful you don't get caught up in the hype of what they promise to do.

Journaling Prompts

- What opportunities are available to me?
- What do I need to know about each option?
- What do I need to be aware of as I make my decision?

Suggested Card Combinations

Seven of Cups + Chariot – You are driven to manifest something in your life that has been long desired.

Seven of Cups + Star – You are inspired to pursue a particular course or calling in your life.

Seven of Cups + Moon – Your life is dominated by illusions, unrealistic ideas and fantasy.

Seven of Cups + Nine of Cups – Beware of overindulging in short-term pleasures, particularly those of a sexual or sensual nature.

Seven of Cups + Two of Swords – You are faced with too many decisions and are finding it difficult to choose.

Seven of Cups + Three of Swords – Your pursuit of illusion is in response to a broken heart, no matter how firm your denials.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The reversed Seven of Cups often appears when you face several different choices and, instead of choosing the option that may appeal to others, you are relying on your inner wisdom and guidance to show you the best way. You may come up with your own criteria to help you make decisions in alignment with your inner being.

If you find yourself with multiple opportunities or ideas, ground yourself first and reflect on what you want for the long-term. All these shiny new objects in front of you have a certain 'magic' power over you right now, and you're at risk of losing focus if you chase after pipedreams. Take a step back and assess the options against your priorities to work out which opportunities will be a real benefit to you.

As a card of choices and options, the reversed Seven of Cups can mean you are overwhelmed by choice and cannot move forward. Reduce your options and focus on what is important to you. You don't need to keep searching for that big idea; you have what you need. Make your pick and move forward with it.

Suggested Card Combinations

Seven of Cups reversed + Devil – You may succumb to temptation and dependency as a result of not knowing what you want.

Seven of Cups reversed + Ace of Swords – A mental breakthrough that will help you see your future direction much more clearly.

Seven of Cups reversed + Seven of Swords – You are trying to get away with something, but the only person you are fooling is yourself.

EIGHT OF CUPS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Disappointment, abandonment, withdrawal, escapism.

Reversed: Trying one more time, indecision, aimless drifting, walking away.

QUOTES

"This is not a problem that we can turn away from. We must be prepared to face it. We must not let the sensible reluctance to fight drive us into wishful thinking." – Richard Armitage (actor)

"Focus more on your desire than on your doubt, and the dream will take care of itself. You may be surprised at how easily this happens. Your doubts are not as powerful as your desires, unless you make them so." – Marcia Wieder (founder of Dream University)

"Whatever you are trying to avoid will not go away until you confront it." – Anonymous

DESCRIPTION

In the Eight of Cups, a man walks away from the eight cups standing in the foreground. The cups are arranged in such a way that it looks like one is missing, a sign that emotional fulfilment and wholeness is lacking. The man has turned his back on these cups with a sense of loss and disappointment and shuffles away into the mountains. A nearby river symbolises his emotions, and the mountains represent the awareness that this will not be an easy journey (though it will be necessary for true long-term happiness). The moon in the night's sky illuminates the path ahead – the man is leaving in the dead of night hoping to go unnoticed, suggesting that there may be a level of escape or avoidance in this card.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

When the Eight of Cups shows up in a Tarot reading, you may feel compelled to walk away from a disappointing situation. It could mean turning your back on an unfulfilling relationship, job, career path, living arrangement or creative project that was once a source of great happiness to you but now only brings you pain. You have invested yourself emotionally but, despite your best efforts, are disappointed; it hasn't turned out the way you had expected it to, and you realise that you are no longer getting anything out of this situation. Now, the only choice is to put it behind you and move on with your life, even if it brings you sadness as you say goodbye.

The Eight of Cups suggests you sense that something is missing, particularly on an emotional or spiritual level, and instead of waiting around for things to get better, you know you need to leave that unfulfilling situation. It may not make sense to others because on the face, it looks as if you have everything you had wished for – but, deep down, you know it's not serving your Highest Good, and it's time for you to let it go and move on.

The Eight of Cups can be a sign that you are trying to escape a problematic emotional situation or avoiding some major psychological issues and concerns. The Cups in the foreground represent emotional issues that remain real and present in your life. Yet you are trying to pretend as if they no longer exist, refusing to deal with them. You may repress your emotions or refuse to have open conversations with others about what's happening, instead preferring to pretend as if everything is okay, or avoiding the scene altogether.

The Eight of Cups invites you to ask yourself what brings you joy, contentment and fulfilment on a deeper level. Without it, you might pursue goals that fail to give you the satisfaction you're seeking. For example, you may think being in a long-term relationship is what you want, but when you manifest it, you realise that it's not just the long-term relationship you want but a deep soul connection with someone. If that's not there, then the relationship will not fulfil your needs no matter how long you stay together. So, if you find yourself repeatedly in these Eight of Cups situations where you have no choice but to walk away, spend time exploring what will bring you true happiness and realign your goals with your values.

Career, Work and Finances

In a work-related reading, the Eight of Cups often arrives when your current job or career path is no longer serving you, and you are ready to move on. You may feel bored, burnt-out or under-appreciated. It may be time to look for a job elsewhere or consider a career change. It may be disruptive, but you need to put your happiness and well-being first.

Financially, you may be ready to sell your investments or walk away from a struggling business, especially if they are not going well and are showing little sign of improvement.

Personality Types

The Eight of Cups personality is someone who is very aware of what brings them emotional fulfilment (and what does not). They know when to walk away if something no longer serves their Highest Good, even if they have invested themselves into it. The Eight of Cups personality will not tolerate boredom, apathy, or a lack of inspiration for long and will quickly move on to find something that brings them greater satisfaction. At times, this person may avoid challenging situations, especially those of an emotional nature, instead choosing to change directions rather than dealing with these obstacles head-on.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, the Eight of Cups suggests that you may prefer a 'time out' and avoid new relationships at this stage. It is more important to connect with yourself and heal from any past disappointments. You know you are not ready to give yourself to a new relationship and would not be at your best.

In an established relationship, the Eight of Cups suggests that you may consider leaving the relationship, particularly if it is no longer fulfilling your highest needs. You may have tried to work things out together, but the core issues remain, and you have little choice but to move on. You do so with great sadness, but you know this end is in both of your best interests.

Spirituality

The Eight of Cups suggests that you are undertaking a spiritual journey or quest to leave behind your emotional and physical attachments and get to the core of your inner being. You might consider a vision quest, social media sabbatical, or a vegan lifestyle, leaving behind any unhealthy attachments so you can connect with your Highest Self.

Well-being and Health

In a health reading, the Eight of Cups calls your attention to potential areas of stress and tension. Where are you becoming burnt out and emotionally exhausted? It may be time to rest or take a break from your busy life.

Journaling Prompts

- What no longer serves me?
- Am I ready to walk away?
- What emotional issues might I be avoiding?

Suggested Card Combinations

Eight of Cups + Hermit – An intense yearning to be on your own, allow for a spiritual journey to occur and search for deeper meaning.

Eight of Cups + Death – You are ready to move on and leave your past behind you.

Eight of Cups + Four of Swords – Taking a well-earned break and enjoying some rest and relaxation.

Eight of Cups + Six of Swords – You are ready to leave behind your past and embrace new opportunities.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The reversed Eight of Cups raises the question, "Do I stay or do I go?" You may be caught between walking away from a disappointing situation or trying one last time to make things better. But the real question is, 'Can the circumstances improve, or is it a lost cause?' Check in with your intuition to understand whether you should give this situation one more chance, or if you should release and let go.

If the reversed Eight of Cups is paired with more passive cards such as the Hanged Man or the Four of Swords, then it may be a sign that you wish to try one more time. However, if this card couples with a more active card such as the Eight of Wands or Chariot, it may be time to move on and pursue a different path.

The reversed Eight of Cups invites you to listen to your heart about your next course of action. Others may have an opinion, but it comes down to what's important to you. Only you know whether this situation is serving you and if there is hope for the future. Be mindful of what you want and then check in to see if this move is in alignment with your goals and dreams.

At times, the reversed Eight of Cups can show that you are drifting from one place to the next because you never feel satisfied with staying in one place. "The grass is always greener on the other side." If this resonates, ask yourself what makes you happy and how you can design your life in alignment with your deepest contentment.

Suggested Card Combinations

Eight of Cups reversed + Chariot – You are drawing upon your determination and courage to bring an end to a tough situation. It will take willpower and strength to commit to your decision.

Eight of Cups reversed + Hanged Man – You are willing to wait out this difficult time until you reach a point of clarity around your next steps.

Eight of Cups reversed + Two of Swords – You are struggling to make the final decision to stay or go.

Eight of Cups reversed + Two of Wands reversed – A lack of direction and goal-setting may cause you to wander aimlessly through life.

NINE OF CUPS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Contentment, satisfaction, gratitude, wish come true.

Reversed: Inner happiness, materialism, dissatisfaction, indulgence.

QUOTES

"Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough." Oprah Winfrey

"Happiness does not come from doing easy work but from the afterglow of satisfaction that comes after the achievement of a difficult task that demanded our best." – Theodore I. Rubin (psychiatrist and author)

"Life finds its purpose and fulfillment in the expansion of happiness." – Maharishi Mahesh Yogi

DESCRIPTION

In the Nine of Cups, a man sits on a wooden bench. He is comfortable, but not too comfortable (you wouldn't want to sit on that wooden bench all day!). His arms are crossed, and he has a smile on his face, expressing contentment and satisfaction. Behind him is a curved structure draped in blue material, with nine golden cups arranged in an arch. The cups represent emotional fulfilment after you carry out your deepest desires.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

You know those moments when you glance around and feel your heart overflowing with love and appreciation for everything you have created in your life? That's what the Nine of Cups is about: emotional fulfilment, happiness and contentment. When this card appears in a Tarot reading, you are content in all aspects of your life – relationships, work, lifestyle, well-being and more. You are basking in the abundance of life and experiencing your emotions with such intensity and pleasure.

This is why the Nine of Cups is often called the wish card. It comes as a sign that the planets aligned and you have everything you wished for. You could not be happier! If you made your wish and are patiently waiting for it to come to fruition, then this card is an excellent omen that it will soon be granted.

The Nine of Cups is an invitation to splurge, indulge and enjoy life's pleasures. This includes enjoying good food and wine, appreciating the arts, making love, relaxing in a luxurious resort or experiencing beauty. Live in the moment and give yourself permission to indulge temporarily without any guilt about the possible negative consequences of such pleasure.

When you see the Nine of Cups in a reading, remember to count your blessings and express gratitude for what you have. Start or end every day by creating a mental list of the three things for which you are most grateful. Over time, you will intensify your sense of contentment and your ability to attract what you wish for – it is the Law of Attraction. If you are struggling to find the positive side of life, then expressing gratitude will help you see that you have a lot to be glad about.

One thing to keep in mind with the Nine of Cups is that he is sitting on a wooden bench that is comfortable for only a limited period. Realise that contentment and fulfilment, too, are only temporary as everything is always in a state of change. That's why it is so important to appreciate what you have now and cherish it because it may disappear later or you may need to adjust and adapt.

Career, Work and Finances

In a work-related reading, the Nine of Cups suggests that your career aspirations, dreams of success and completion of projects will come to fruition, just as you planned. If you have been interviewing for a job, now could be the time that the job you were hoping for finally comes.

The Nine of Cups brings positivity to your finances. You are likely to experience wealth and financial abundance. Even if you have bills to pay or debts owed, focus your attention on what you are gaining because of these payments (for example, a warm home during winter or internet service so you can connect with friends).

Personality Types

The Nine of Cups personality is someone who is positive, optimistic, content and fulfilled. He is always looking on the bright side of life and cherishing what he has (instead of what he doesn't). He puts lots of positive energy out into the Universe and sees it returned to him through success, fulfilment and achievement. The Nine of Cups is someone who doesn't mind indulging now and then and enjoys the finer things in life, like food, wine, luxury travel destinations and so on. He may come across as a little smug about his achievements, but don't let it bother you. He is proud of what he created and wants to share it with you.

Relationships and Love

Overall, the Nine of Cups is an excellent omen for your love life and relationships as it shows emotional fulfilment, contentment and satisfaction.

If you are looking for love, the Nine of Cups suggests that you will meet some great people. Get out, mingle, strike up conversations with the people you meet without being wedded to any potential outcome. The idea is to enjoy yourself.

If you are in a relationship, the relationship is likely to deepen and become more fulfilling for both of you. You two are on the right path, and you will be very much in love with each other. Others are likely to comment on what a great couple you make!

If you are encountering challenges in your relationship, then the Nine of Cups serves as a reminder to focus on the positive and appreciate the wonderful things that your partner has to offer you. Put your attention to what is working and be thankful for everything you have together. Work hard to give positive reinforcement and to make your partner feel good.

Spirituality

The Nine of Cups suggests that you will be deeply contented in everything you do. Let it light you up from within, radiating love and appreciation for the world around you. As you continue to create and attract success, you become an inspiration to those around you. Express gratitude for what you are creating, and you will continue to attract even more of this high vibe energy.

Well-being and Health

The Nine of Cups is typically a sign of good health. However, if you have concerns, then the Nine of Cups invites you to focus on your body's amazing ability to heal itself. Send these good vibes through your body and create physical change. If you have been over-doing it and indulging in unhealthy food or habits, then see this card as a sign to bring your life back into balance and moderation.

Journaling Prompts

- What am I truly grateful for?
- What brings me a sense of fulfilment?
- How can I share my abundance with others?

Suggested Card Combinations

Nine of Cups + Empress – Sensual pleasure, particularly in food, wine, beauty, art and physical pleasure.

Nine of Cups + Lovers – A deep, fulfilling relationship filled with sexual pleasure and contentment.

Nine of Cups + Hermit – Sometimes getting what you want means alienating many people along the way.

Nine of Cups + Five of Cups – The attainment of your dreams and desires may lead to regret. Be careful what you wish for!

Nine of Cups + Six of Wands – Pride in your achievements and sharing this with others.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

Even when it appears that you have everything you ever dreamed of, it can still feel like something is missing deep down. Have you pursued material gain at the expense of your spiritual growth or emotional fulfilment? For example, you might own the most expensive home or car on the block, but you never see your friends and family and are pretty miserable. This is the essence of the reversed Nine of Cups, and when it emerges in a Tarot reading, it asks you to reconsider what you're wishing for and align it with your Highest Good. You may have lost touch with what's important to you, instead favouring the ego and chasing what will impress others.

The reversed Nine of Cups is a sign that instead of looking outside yourself for your happiness, you should search within. Success and happiness mean different things to different people. So, instead of doing what you think will make other people happy, do what will make you happy. Ask yourself, 'What does success look like to me? And how will I know when I am successful?' If your outside world is not bringing contentment, change your definition of success.

Sometimes, the reversed Nine of Cups suggests that you are frustrated that your wishes have not yet come true. Your expectations may be unrealistic, or you may not be actively pursuing

your dreams, hoping that they will manifest with little input or action from you. You may have chosen goals that are not satisfying to you, and if so, it's best to let them fall by the wayside. Now is the time to reconnect with your goals and dreams and recommit to bringing them to fruition. You may need to tweak your goals to keep them in full alignment with your personal values. And you may need to be more proactive in creating an action plan to see your goals come to fruition.

The Nine of Cups reversed serves as a reminder not to over-indulge at the expense of your health and well-being. You may be prone to overdoing it on food, alcohol, drugs, partying or spending. Keep everything in moderation and focus on the long-term consequences of your actions, even if they bring short-term pleasure.

Suggested Card Combinations

Nine of Cups reversed + Devil – Overindulgence in short-term pleasures and desires.

Nine of Cups reversed + Seven of Cups – Unrealistic expectations about what is possible. Excessive daydreaming and not enough action.

Nine of Cups reversed + Two of Wands reversed – A lack of planning and foresight is likely to make you fall short of your dreams.

TEN OF CUPS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Divine love, blissful relationships, harmony, alignment.

Reversed: Disconnection, misaligned values, struggling relationships.

QUOTES

"Our family is a circle of love and strength. With every birth and every union, the circle grows. Every joy shared adds more love. Every obstacle faced together makes the circle stronger." – Anonymous

"Pick a man for his human qualities, his values, his compatibility with you, rather than what he represents in status, power or good looks." – Carol Botwin (author)

"No matter what you have done for yourself or for humanity, if you cannot look back on having given love and attention to your own family, what have you really accomplished?" – Lee Iacocca (businessman)

"Families are the compass that guide us. They are the inspiration to reach great heights, and our comfort when we occasionally falter." – Brad Henry (politician)

DESCRIPTION

On the Ten of Cups, a loving couple stands together, arms outstretched, as their two children play nearby. They look towards their home on the hill and a beautiful rainbow in the sky filled with ten cups. These two have true, everlasting love and have everything they could ever wish for – the home, the kids, and most importantly, fulfilling love – and they share this bond with the people around them.

The family home symbolises stability and comfort, while the grassy hills signify fertility and the river marks the flow of emotion. The rainbow signals the end of difficult times and is a

sign from the Divine that everything will be okay. The idyllic scene is one of true emotional fulfilment and Divine love.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Ten of Cups embodies happiness, joy, and emotional contentment, particularly in your relationships and family. You have created an abundance of love and happiness in your life, and you now share this love with others, expanding your heart even more. This card often appears when you are surrounded by your loved ones with whom you share a powerful and deep connection. You appreciate and support one another, and together, you help each other reach your highest potential. It brings you so much joy to see your loved ones succeed and live happy lives.

The Ten of Cups is the 'happy family' card, suggesting that your family relationships are harmonious and loving right now. No one is fighting or causing any tension; all family members are getting along with each other and sharing in the love and happiness that surrounds you. This card may appear in a reading when you are spending more time with family, perhaps on a holiday, reunion or event, where you can rest and relax together, creating fun and happy family memories and strong bonds.

The Ten of Cups is a positive card for romantic relationships and may indicate either a new and blissful relationship or a long-term commitment, such as engagement, marriage or starting a family together. You share an everlasting love and may believe that you are soul mates destined to be with one another.

When the Ten of Cups pops up in a Tarot reading, you have a sense of wholeness, completion, and alignment in your relationships with others. You are experiencing an idyllic state of peace, harmony and love where your dreams and wishes have come true. Take a moment to step back and appreciate everything you accomplished. You created a life of connection and bliss by following your heart and trusting your intuition.

The Ten of Cups encourages you to follow your heart and trust your intuition to lead you to the opportunities aligned with your Highest Good. Your feelings and emotions will guide you. When something feels fantastic, do more of it; and when something doesn't feel right, do less of it. Allow your inner guidance to lead the way. Seek out opportunities that fulfil you and align with your personal values instead of following the path that others expect you to take.

Career, Work and Finances

The Ten of Cups suggests that you are seeking a career or job opportunity that will bring you a deep sense of fulfilment and align with your lifestyle aspirations and personal values. Some people are motivated by money or status, but the Ten of Cups shows that you want a strong emotional connection to your work and to live out other aspects of your life along the way. You seek balance and harmony between your work and your life and hope you can find a job or career that will allow you to do this. This card is also about family so you might see a solution where you can balance your work, financial and family commitments all at one time.

Financially, the Ten of Cups suggests that no matter if you are wealthy, you know you will always have the love of your family and this will see you through. Love over dollars!

Personality Types

Ten of Cups personalities are highly optimistic, confident, happy and content. They have solid family values and will do whatever they can to create and keep harmonious relationships in their lives. They value people more than they value material possessions or success at work, for example. They are true to their word, genuine and authentic, and display a high level of integrity.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, the Ten of Cups is a positive sign that you will create happy, loving and long-lasting relationships in the coming months. This could be in your romantic relationships or it can extend to your friends and family.

If you are considering what relationship you want to create, then the Ten of Cups makes it unmistakable that you are seeking a committed relationship built on love and respect, and you are keen to start or grow your family.

If you are in a relationship, the Ten of Cups shows you and your partner will share a very harmonious period together, building on the strong emotional connection that already exists. You may even discuss having a family together, buying a house or getting married (if you haven't already). The next few months are likely to leave you confident about your future together and very fulfilled on a deep, emotional level.

If you are experiencing challenges in a relationship, focus on the love that connects you deep down, and aim to give each other the benefit of the doubt to bring love and peace to the situation. Instead of creating conflict or tension, strive for harmony and respect in your interactions, especially if you have children involved in the relationship.

Spirituality

The Ten of Cups suggests that you are in touch with your inner being, clear about your personal values, and content with who you are on the inside. You radiate the energy of abundance and happiness. People love to be around you because you are full of Divine love and freely share it, bringing out the best in them.

The strong family values instilled in you early in life are now helping you create a fulfilling lifestyle. You may be part of a spiritual or religious group, with whom you share similar values.

Well-being and Health

The Ten of Cups indicates that your health is likely to be very strong and you can enjoy quality time with your family. The more love and happiness you experience in your life, the more your health will benefit.

Journaling Prompts

- What brings me happiness?
- How can I share my love with others?
- How can I bring more peace and harmony into my relationships?

Suggested Card Combinations

Ten of Cups + Lovers – Strong family relationships built on solid values.

Ten of Cups + Star – You have experienced a turning point in your life that leaves you joyful, blessed and grateful for everything you have.

Ten of Cups + Six of Cups – Strong relationships with your children (or children with whom you are very close).

Ten of Cups + Seven of Cups – Your dreams will come true, even if they were 'castles in the sky'.

Ten of Cups + Ten of Pentacles – A sense of accomplishment and attainment not just emotionally but also financially or materially.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

When the reversed Ten of Cups card appears in a Tarot reading, you are seeking greater harmony and connection in your relationships. In your mind, you had wished for a beautiful, harmonious relationship, but in reality, you feel disconnected and disengaged from your loved one. It may seem as if something is missing, and you're struggling to communicate honestly, empathise, and engage with one another. Each time you try to connect, something goes wrong, and you end up with even more distance between you. You may have unrealistic expectations of the relationship: that everything will be perfect and rosy every minute you are together. If this resonates, then realign your expectations and realise that every relationship has its ups and downs. Or, you may no longer be a fit for each other, in which case you may consider leaving.

The Ten of Cups invites you to seek out common ground with your loved ones and rebuild the relationship from there. See the other person as a Divine Being worthy of your love; and equally, see yourself as a Divine Being worthy of theirs. Love and be loved. Open the lines of communication and be ready to hold space for one another so you can reconnect on a deeper, more loving level. Be compassionate, understanding, and respectful, and seek harmony with one another.

The reversed Ten of Cups can also appear when you are contemplating what a loving relationship means for you. Rather than building relationships with others, you are focusing your attention inward so you can gain clarity around what you want from a relationship. Ask yourself what an ideal relationship looks like to you and how you want to give and receive love. Consider how you can bring more of this energy into your future relationships. You may look at your existing relationships and check in to see how these relationships align with your desires. Let go of any that no longer bring you fulfilment and happiness, and welcome in new relationships in alignment with your Highest Good.

The Ten of Cups reversed can reveal a misalignment of personal values. You are not living by your own values, nor are you being true to yourself. Instead, you are allowing others to decide what will and will not make you happy when you know you should determine that for yourself. As a result, you are questioning whether you believe in what you are doing. Bring your focus back to what truly makes you happy even if it differs from what others expect.

Finally, the reversed Ten of Cups may suggest that you are neglecting your family while you pursue more material goals such as progressing your career or making more money. Your work-life balance is out of whack, and you are spending less and less quality time with your family. If you continue to neglect your family, you'll find that relationships will suffer and you may not achieve an overall sense of contentment and happiness as planned.

Suggested Card Combinations

Ten of Cups reversed + Hermit – You are becoming isolated from your family and relationships as you turn your attention inward.

Ten of Cups reversed + Tower – Upheaval and chaos in your family and relationships will force a significant change of perspective to occur.

Ten of Cups reversed + Three of Swords – The end of a marriage or ongoing heartbreak and loneliness.

Ten of Cups reversed + Two of Pentacles – You are struggling to strike an effective work/life balance.

Ten of Cups reversed + Ten of Wands – You have taken on too many commitments, and they are now taking you away from your family and relationships.

PAGE OF CUPS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Creative opportunities, intuitive messages, curiosity, possibility.

Reversed: New ideas, doubting intuition, creative blocks, emotional immaturity.

QUOTES

"If one advances confidently in the directions of his dreams, and endeavours to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours." – Henry David Thoreau (author)

"Our life is composed greatly from dreams, from the unconscious, and they must be brought into connection with action. They must be woven together." – Anais Nin (author)

"A heart in love with beauty never grows old." – Turkish proverb

"All that is sweet, delightful, and amiable in this world, in the serenity of the air, the fineness of seasons, the joy of light, the melody of sounds, the beauty of colours, the fragrance of smells, the splendour of our precious stones, is nothing else but Heaven breaking through the veil of this world, manifesting itself in such a degree and darting forth in such variety so much of its own nature." – William Law (theological writer)

DESCRIPTION

The Page of Cups wears a blue tunic with a floral print and a beret on his head with a long, flowing scarf. He stands on the shore, with the wavy sea behind him, holding a cup in his right hand. Surprisingly, a fish pops its head out of the cup and looks at the young man. The fish and the sea behind him represent the element of water and all things to do with

creativity, intuition, feelings and emotions. The unexpected appearance of the fish signifies that creative inspiration often comes out of the blue and only when you are open to it.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Page of Cups suggests a new idea or opportunity has come to you out of the blue. Your creative energy is flowing, and now the question is how you will express it. Will you snap up this new idea and turn it into something, or will you let someone else bring it to fruition? It is up to you! Spend time exploring the idea to see if you want to move forward.

The Page of Cups invites you to have an open and curious mind. Be open to anything – including a fish popping its head out of a cup! It is with a curious mind that you will discover new aspects of life and yourself. Open your mind to all possibilities, especially those of a creative or intuitive nature, you will be pleasantly surprised. Be ready to dream the impossible dream, and explore the magic of your fullest potential, even if it seems out of reach. The Page of Cups is asking you to embrace your inner child and believe that anything is possible.

As each Page asks you to explore a new facet of yourself, the Page of Cups is asking you to explore your creative, emotional self. You may start a new art class, read books about how to express your feelings, or learn more about developing your psychic abilities. Dreamy aspirations race through your mind, and you may find yourself moved by simple things. Don't be afraid to let your feelings show and wear your heart on your sleeve.

This card often appears when you are being called to trust your intuition and be open to the multitude of intuitive messages coming your way. Look for synchronicities and signs from nature that will guide you on your path. They may come from unexpected places, or they may not even make sense to your rational mind; be open to the possibility and ready to discover new aspects of yourself. It is like following 'intuitive breadcrumbs' – one intuitive clue leads you to the next thing, and the next, and the next. And before you know it, you have found yourself in a place of full alignment, happiness and bliss. All by trusting your intuition and going with the flow.

In a practical sense, the Page of Cups can indicate that you will receive an unexpected and pleasant surprise. The Pages are often known as the messenger cards, and with the Page of Cups, you may receive a message related to the emotions, intuition, or creative endeavours. It might be the birth of a baby, an engagement or marriage, a new love interest, or the offer of a new project. It is not a surprise you can anticipate or force; be ready to receive when the moment comes.

Career, Work and Finances

If you are searching for a job, the Page of Cups is a positive sign that you will soon receive an offer or opportunity out of the blue that will be very favourable. Be open to every suggestion that comes your way and show your appreciation to the person offering it to you.

As the Page of Cups is a very creative card, you may be drawn to more artistic aspects of your work. Explore your artistic abilities or even intuitive or psychic abilities further in your day-to-day work. It does not mean a full career change; you can access your creative self by accepting new projects in your current job. The Page of Cups also refers to young children or teenagers, so you may feel pulled to a career that involves younger people, such as childcare, teaching or social work.

In a financial reading, the Page of Cups suggests that your situation is likely to take a turn for the better with a new opportunity coming your way.

Personality Types

The Page of Cups personality is a youthful, creative, intuitive person. Page of Cups personalities are compassionate, and often highly imaginative. They are dreamy and believe that anything is possible, so long as you can imagine it. Page of Cups people are true romantics at heart but can be emotionally vulnerable at times and need affection and attention. This person is a reliable friend who wants to help you and be of service.

Relationships and Love

The Page of Cups suggests a new relationship is coming your way, and it comes as a pleasant surprise. So, if you have been looking for love, then you might be in luck! This relationship is likely to start in a dreamy, romantic state that may feel something like a high school crush, or even a one-sided romance. At best, there may be a stolen kiss or cute hand-holding, and the relationship might develop into something more mature. At worst, one of you will be sighing over the other, while the other thinks you are still just friends.

In an established relationship, your partner may surprise you with romantic gifts and other tokens of his or her appreciation for you. You can both renew the romance in the relationship by acting the way you did in the early days of your connection when you were very much in love and every day was a new joy. Surprise your partner with loving acts of kindness and whatever spontaneous things you know he or she enjoys. You could both try to set aside any differences for a while and live life in the moment; maybe even pretend you are dating for the first time and having fun together. Give yourselves permission to act as though you're kids for a day and throw off your worries and responsibilities.

Spirituality

In a spiritual reading, the Page of Cups signals a new spiritual journey where you open your mind and imagination to all things. You are letting go of the inner critic that constrains you, and instead, you have complete faith that anything is possible. You may develop your intuition, becoming more in tune with the Universal energies and Divine messages available to you.

Well-being and Health

In a health reading, the Page of Cups can point to good news about your health or intuitive messages that come to you via your unconscious mind. Pay attention to them. This card can sometimes refer to pregnancy or birth, depending on other cards in the reading.

Journaling Prompts

- How can I express my creativity in new ways?
- How can I open my mind to all possibilities?
- What new opportunities are coming my way?

Suggested Card Combinations

Page of Cups + Empress – A possible pregnancy.

Page of Cups + Emperor – A romantic relationship with a man much older than you.

Page of Cups + Six of Cups – Returning to your childhood or accessing your inner child.

Page of Cups + Knight of Cups – You may have two potential suitors trying to win your heart with lots of flirtation and romance.

Page of Cups + Ace of Wands – The start of a new creative venture that is inspiring and promising.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The reversed Page of Cups suggests that you are keeping your creative inspirations and ideas secret. You may worry that others will steal your idea or tell you it's destined to fail. Instead, you are choosing to keep your plans private so you can develop them further without the influence of others. You may want to wait until you've moved out of the conceptual stage before sharing it with others.

With the Page of Cups reversed, you may feel called to pursue a new creative project, but you doubt whether you can really make it work. Your inner critic may be on over-drive or others are telling you that you're dreaming – so you are stalling and holding back. Ask yourself, "What have I got to lose here?" So what if the idea fails? Isn't it better to try something and fail than never do it and wonder for the rest of your life what might have happened? And what if you didn't fail? What if you were to succeed? Again, listen to your intuition to understand if fear is getting in the way and whether it's time to just give it a go regardless of the outcome.

It is possible that you may experience a creative block when the reversed Page of Cups pops up in a reading. There is an aspect of your Self that wants to be expressed, but for whatever reason, you are holding back. You may worry whether your creativity will lead you in the direction you want, or whether it has value in this world. Or, you may feel 'stuck' when it comes time to express yourself creatively, and you don't know how to bring this side of yourself out into the external environment. The ideas are there, but you are having trouble figuring out how to make them into reality.

If you are exploring your intuition, the reversed Page of Cups can suggest that you are encountering a lot of doubt. You are trying hard to listen to your intuition, but when the messages come through, you are left wondering if it's your inner guidance or your ego. Open yourself to your intuition and see where it takes you.

At times, the reversed Page of Cups can show someone who is emotionally immature – perhaps someone dramatic, who over-shares and takes their vulnerability a little too far. This may be someone who is prone to emotional tantrums when they do not get their way. Or it may be someone who is overly dreamy about their future and who is not grounded in reality. Some call it the 'Peter Pan Syndrome', in which an adult does not want to grow up and instead remains a child for the rest of their lives.

Suggested Card Combinations

Page of Cups reversed + High Priestess reversed – Falsely interpreting your intuition or psychic abilities. Not listening to the right subconscious message.

Page of Cups reversed + Chariot reversed – Uncontrolled emotions and intense anger.

Page of Cups reversed + Devil – Substance abuse to escape everyday reality.

KNIGHT OF CUPS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Creativity, romance, charm, imagination, beauty.

Reversed: Overactive imagination, unrealistic, jealous, moody.

QUOTES

"It will be found, in fact, that the ingenious are always fanciful, and the truly imaginative never otherwise than analytic." – Edgar Allan Poe (author and poet)

"Cherish your visions; cherish your ideals; cherish the music that stirs in your heart, the beauty that forms in your mind, the loveliness that drapes your purest thoughts, for out of them will grow delightful conditions, all heavenly environment; of these if you but remain true to them, your world will at last be built." – James Allen (philosophical author)

"Beauty of whatever kind, in its supreme development, invariably excites the sensitive soul to tears." – Edgar Allan Poe (author and poet)

DESCRIPTION

In the Knight of Cups, a knight rides on a white horse and holds out a golden cup as if he bears a message from the heart. Over his armour, the knight wears a cloak covered with images of fish, the symbol of water, consciousness and creativity. His helmet and boots are winged, a symbol of an active and creative imagination and an appreciation for beautiful things.

Unlike the Knight of Wands or the Knight of Swords, the horse in the Knight of Cups is not charging forward but instead moves slowly and gracefully, giving an air of calmness and peace. The horse represents power, energy and drive and the colour white is a symbol of purity, spirituality and light.

The background is mostly barren, except for some trees far away and the river that flows through, symbolising the power of the emotions and imagination to create a new life force, even where it may seem that there is none.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Knight of Cups is the classic romantic of the Tarot deck. He is in touch with his intuition and emotions, and he uses them masterfully to charm and attract others. He shows compassion and understanding towards others because he has learned to understand his own feelings and emotions. The Knight is kind, caring and very in touch with his feminine side. He might be found writing a romantic poem to his lover, creating art inspired by his innermost feelings or appreciating a vibrant sunset with a glass of champagne in his hand. His heart is wide open, and he wears it on his sleeve. He shares his love freely with others, without constraint or worry; he is in love with love itself.

When the Knight of Cups appears in a Tarot reading, you thrive on all things beautiful and are inspired by the many creative outlets available to you. While the Page of Cups was inspired by an imaginative idea, the Knight of Cups is motivated by action. You have dreamed about what it is you want to create and now are moving forward with this dream to make it a reality. It may be an art project or something you feel 'called' to do, based on your emotions, imagination and intuition. Be open to exploring your passions and your big ideas. You may find yourself drawn to a particular passion or hobby and now is the time to turn it into 'something.' While you are in no hurry to reach the finish line, keep in mind that true imagination feeds on action; if you do nothing with your dreams, they will remain just that – dreams and not reality.

All Knights are on a mission, and this Knight's is humanitarianism, romance, altruism, compassion, and beauty. You have a vision of harmony and are ready to bring it into reality. You are lead by your heart and want to see peace for everyone involved.

When it comes to making decisions, the Knight of Cups is ruled by his emotions and his heart. When this card arrives in a Tarot reading, you are making decisions based on how you feel about a situation rather than what you think, even if others can't make sense of what you are doing and why, and your intuition guides you in everything you do.

Career, Work and Finances

In a career-related reading, the Knight of Cups suggests that you are moving ahead with a creative project and you are full of ideas and how to make it happen. Your challenge will be in ensuring that you can put in place tangible actions to make those ideas come to life.

Given the romantic side of the Knight of Cups, you may find you have a workplace romance or are attracted to a colleague who is also flirting with you.

Financially, the Knight of Cups suggests that you will receive good news about your finances. If a new opportunity comes your way, be sure to do your due diligence and listen to what your intuition has to say.

Personality Types

The Knight of Cups personality is someone who passionate and visionary, warmhearted, loving, and emotional. When working on projects, he is an imaginative dreamer filled with ideas on how to make things happen. He sees the beauty in all things and takes his time as he goes about the task so he can take it in. He may need a gentle nudge now and then to help him stay on track and get the job done as he's often so caught up in the magic of the moment. The Knight is inclined to decide from the heart and not the head, preferring to trust his feelings and intuition rather than logical thought.

When the Knight of Cups interacts with others, he is very charming and romantic and enjoys their company and attention. He is emotionally sensitive, and he wears his heart on his sleeve, making him attractive to those who want to connect on a deeper level. At times, though, he can get lost in the romanticism and forget about reality, buying you flowers and gifts every week but not paying the bills.

Relationships and Love

As the 'knight in shining armour', the Knight of Cups is a positive card in most relationship readings. He is incredibly romantic and values his emotional connections with others.

If you are looking for love, expect to be swept off your feet by a handsome, charming guy. He may write you love poems, send you mystery gifts or drop roses at your door – anything to win over your heart and impress you. He will need nurturing, so make sure you give him love and attention in return for his romantic efforts. As a Knight, he may not be around for the long haul, but enjoy the romance while you have him.

If you are in a relationship, then the Knight of Cups is a reflection that you're in a romantic phase. You may have recently become engaged or moved in together and are in that state of romantic bliss where your relationship takes a new and positive step forward.

If you are facing challenges in your relationship, then look at how you can be more romantic in your interactions with each other. Alternatively, the Knight of Cups may show another person in your life, apart from your current partner, who is trying to win you over. Just be mindful that you are not over-romanticising the situation and stay cognizant of the costs of your actions. Be wary of daydreaming and idealism both of the relationship itself and of your partner.

Spirituality

The Knight of Cups in a spiritual reading suggests that by exploring your imagination and innermost feelings, you will become more aware of your spiritual nature. You are highly intuitive, creative and in tune with the Divine. Use these gifts to go deeper into who you are and what you are here to do on this earth. As a Knight, you may discover your soul's purpose and mission, especially in your connections with others and how you will serve from the heart.

Well-being and Health

In a health reading, the Knight of Cups is a positive card indicating good health and happy news regarding any diagnostic tests. To improve your well-being, you may like to read romantic poetry, explore art galleries and enjoy the beauty in life.

Journaling Prompts

- How can I bring more beauty into my life?
- What new creative projects are available to me?
- How can I give and receive love?

Suggested Card Combinations

Knight of Cups + Lovers – A blossoming romance is likely to turn into a more committed and long-term relationship.

Knight of Cups + Two of Cups – The start of a new relationship built on a deep emotional connection between two people.

Knight of Cups + Seven of Cups – You may be daydreaming and romanticising life's options but not taking any action.

Knight of Cups + Three of Pentacles – A possible workplace romance or mutual attraction/flirtation.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

When the reversed Knight of Cups appears in a Tarot reading, a creative project is emerging, but you are not ready to act on it just yet. You may spend most of your time dreaming up what is possible or how wonderful it will be when it comes to fruition. While it can be enriching to be in the dreamy, ideas phase for a while, the plan will not come into being until you take action. You may need to ground your ideas into reality. Figure out how much it will cost, how much time it will take, what resources you will need, and so on. This will give your project more weight so you can move forward with implementing your idea.

At times, the reversed Knight of Cups can indicate that you are sulky, moody, and jealous. You may feel frustrated that you are not being given the opportunity to dream and create. You allow your emotions to get the better of you if you are not getting your way.

The Knight of Cups reversed can describe someone who has an overly romantic approach to life and is disconnected from reality. You may experience a level of disillusionment that an offer is not quite what you expected it to be because you have found yourself caught up in the excitement or emotion of a situation. For example, you might quit your office job so you can work at home, only to realise you miss the social contact with your co-workers. Or you might sell your house to travel the country, only to find that your campervan needs a whole new engine on Day Two of your journey.

Suggested Card Combinations

Knight of Cups reversed + Six of Cups – You may be overly nostalgic and living in the past, taking you away from your present reality.

Knight of Cups reversed + Three of Swords – A new relationship may end in heartbreak and sorrow.

Knight of Cups reversed + Five of Wands – Your moodiness and sulking are creating tension and conflict within a group setting.

QUEEN OF CUPS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Compassionate, caring, emotionally stable, intuitive, in flow.

Reversed: Inner feelings, self-care, self-love, co-dependency.

QUOTES

"Make decisions from the heart and use your head to make it work out." – Sir Girad

"The power of intuitive understanding will protect you from harm until the end of your days." – Lao Tzu

"Constant kindness can accomplish much. As the sun makes ice melt, kindness causes misunderstanding, mistrust, and hostility to evaporate." – Albert Schweitzer (theologian and physician)

DESCRIPTION

The Queen of Cups is a beautiful, introspective woman who sits on a throne at the edge of the sea. In her hands, she holds a golden, cup adorned with handles shaped like angels. Unlike most of the cups in the Suit of Cups cards, this cup is closed – showing that the Queen's thoughts and feelings come from her subconscious mind and the depths of her soul.

She sits upon a stone throne decorated with images of sea-nymphs, fish, and scallop shells. The sea and fish are symbols of the unconscious mind, and water represents emotion, spirit and perception. A cloudless, bright-blue sky and placid water of the sea surround her. Her feet do not touch the water; they rest on colourful pebbles on the shore. It is as if she is connected to her emotions (as represented by the water), but not overwhelmed by them.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Queen of Cups is nurturing, caring, compassionate and sensitive. When you see her in a Tarot reading, you are embodying her 'nurturing mother' energy. You support others by listening with your heart, being compassionate, and caring for them deeply. You are empathic and can sense the needs of others by tuning in to your intuition, and you hold the space for others to express their emotions and be the truest, most authentic versions of themselves. You have mastered this in such a way that, even though you hold space for emotional expression, you don't take on other people's energy or emotional issues because you are well-grounded and know where to create a healthy separation.

The Queen of Cups says you are highly intuitive, creative, and in flow with the surrounding energies. In your interactions with others, you can easily read other people to get a sense of how to communicate effectively, enabling you both to feel heard and understood. Others may come to you to confide their personal issues regarding relationships, emotions and feelings. They trust you and know that you always have the right solution. You can instantly tune in to what others are going through and can help them make sense of it. You may be a healer, counsellor or intuitive coach; or maybe just a good friend. You recognise the Divine in everyone you meet.

In your creative projects and endeavours, you 'feel' your way into them, trusting your heart and your inner guidance to lead you in the right direction. You know when something is 'off', and you pay attention to this, even if it doesn't make rational sense. You may be in tune with the cycles of the moon and nature, using these cycles to manifest your goals and live your dreams.

When the Queen of Cups appears in a Tarot reading, you are being asked to trust your intuition and pay attention to your feelings and emotions. Lead with your heart, not your head. Be open to receive the intuitive messages flowing to you, be it through your dreams, meditation or visualisation. And 'feel the feels', even if those feelings are tricky or challenging. You are stronger than you know.

Career, Work and Finances

In a work-related reading, the Queen of Cups shows a strong desire to get involved in meaningful work that creates value for others and has a long-lasting impact on an emotional or spiritual level. You also seek a work environment where you can be yourself, and where your authenticity and genuine approach is valued. You seek projects that allow you to be creative, artistic and expressive.

The Queen of Cups may signify the positive presence of an intuitive and nurturing female in the workplace who will give you the emotional and spiritual support you need. She may be a

mentor or an advisor, or a caring and compassionate manager.

Financially, the Queen of Cups often indicates that you have attained a good level of balance in your finances. Be careful, however, of any emotional spending such as making impulse purchases or shopping when you are upset. Even if you love a particular item, you may need to bring in some common sense to make sure you can afford it!

Personality Types

The personality of the Queen of Cups is kind, loving and nurturing. Because she has a sweet and sensitive nature, the Queen of Cups has a kind word for everyone and never reacts with anger or impatience. She is good-natured, devoted and honest and is, therefore, a wonderful mother, wife and best friend.

The Queen of Cups is guided by her feelings and lets her heart lead the way. She is in tune with the subtle energies of her environment and knows what others are experiencing without having to ask. She trusts her intuition and is more open to knowledge that comes from within her and beyond. Responsive and flexible, she is willing to adapt and adjust based on the flow of energy.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, the Queen of Cups speaks to your incredible influence over your relationships. Because you are coming from a place that is calm, compassionate, emotionally balanced and intuitive. You attract kind, healthy and loving relationships. The best thing you can do is to just be yourself, and you will find you will attract love into your life.

As a potential partner, the Queen of Cups is someone who is sensual, compassionate and loving and who will show great potential for a warm and sustainable relationship. Despite her association with the feminine, the Queen of Cups can appear for a male; someone in touch with his emotions and unafraid to express himself openly.

If you are in a relationship, the Queen of Cups reflects that this relationship will be based on true love for each other and a deep emotional connection. It is important to remember to create the time and space to communicate your feelings. Trust your intuition too. If something does not seem right or you sense that your partner is hurting, reach out to your partner and show love and compassion. Use your emotional centredness to heal, nurture and support.

Sometimes, the Queen of Cups can mean that another female is present or has an influence on the relationship. Look to other cards in the reading to understand what this influence is. For example, the Seven of Swords may suggest that another woman is romantically involved with your partner or the Three of Cups may suggest a harmonious threesome. Remember, though, that the Queen of Cups is typically a very positive card, so she brings positive energy to the situation at hand.

Spirituality

In a spiritual reading, the Queen of Cups suggests that you are consciously aware of your intuitive super-powers and your heart and mind are open to the spiritual wisdom and understanding that comes from within. By listening to your intuition, you connect more deeply with your soul and inner being, and you see the Divine in others.

The Queen of Cups may also suggest an influential spiritual leader in your life who leads based on the emotions, inner psychology and intuition rather than by structured religion.

Well-being and Health

The Queen of Cups in a health reading may point to concerns about women's health issues such as reproductive health, hormonal imbalance or emotional well-being. You may be drawn to a female health practitioner who can offer a compassionate approach.

In a well-being reading, the Queen of Cups encourages you to express your feelings and emotions with a trusted therapist or counsellor. The more you understand your feelings, the better you can manage them.

Journaling Prompts

- How can I show loving kindness and compassion to others?
- What role does intuition play in my life right now?
- How can I nurture others without draining my energy?

Suggested Card Combinations

Queen of Cups + High Priestess – Your intuition and psychic sense are incredibly powerful right now.

Queen of Cups + Chariot – By drawing upon your emotional centeredness and balance, you can drive success and achieve your goals.

Queen of Cups + Ten of Cups – You are creating a loving home and a rich family life filled with contentment and good blessings.

Queen of Cups + Ace of Pentacles – There will be an opportunity to use your emotional and intuitive knowledge in a new business venture.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

When the reversed Queen of Cups shows up in a Tarot reading, you need to draw your attention inwards and focus on your emotional well-being. You're great at taking care of others – but now it's time to take care of YOU. This card suggests that you are emotionally drained because you have been so busy supporting others, but not yourself. You may need to set firm boundaries with your loved ones so that they know you love them but will not take on their emotional baggage. You can hold space for them, but ultimately, they are responsible for their feelings and life experience, and they need to go on their own journey to learn how to cope.

The reversed Queen of Cups could mean you are wrapped up in other people's emotional responses and have created a co-dependent relationship that is not healthy for either party. You may be giving too much of yourself away, receiving little in return. Or you may be inadvertently fostering dependency so you feel needed. Examine your relationships and see where you can create a healthy detachment. Where can you still give emotional support but not to the detriment of one another?

The Queen of Cups reversed is often a sign that your intuition is on overdrive right now, but to hear it, you need to give yourself the time and the space to listen. It doesn't matter how busy you think you are – see this as your sign to reconnect with your intuition and tune in to your inner voice.

At times the reversed Queen of Cups is a warning that you are letting your heart rule over your head and your emotions may overwhelm you. If this resonates, ground yourself, express your feelings privately or with a trusted therapist, and then work through why they've bubbled up this way. Be careful not to let your emotions overtake your life in such a way that you worry you are losing control and perspective. Take some quiet time for yourself and meditate or write in your journal. Find a peaceful space to centre and calm your soul. Listen carefully to your intuition and your inner voice.

On the flipside, the Queen of Cups reversed suggests that you may be out of touch with your emotions or forced to restrict or hold them down deep inside. You may struggle to express yourself, instead bottling up your feelings. If you do not address these emotional issues, they will reach a boiling point. Your stress levels may increase, and your ability to cope with everyday problems could suffer.

The reversed Queen of Cups invites you to explore your innermost feelings and emotions to understand what makes you tick. Spend some time alone with just your Tarot cards, your journal and your pen. Connect in with your feelings. How are you feeling? How are you really feeling? It doesn't matter whether you're experiencing positive or negative emotions. You are being called to listen to your true feelings and honour them in the process.

Suggested Card Combinations

Queen of Cups reversed + Five of Cups – A relationship has ended, but you are refusing to take responsibility for your role in the break-up.

Queen of Cups reversed + Eight of Cups – You are likely to go wherever the wind takes you, but this also means you lack groundedness and commitment.

Queen of Cups reversed + Three of Swords – A relationship has reached its end and is now taking a toll on you emotionally.

Queen of Cups reversed + Nine of Swords – A lack of emotional balance and control is stressing you out.

KING OF CUPS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Emotionally balanced, compassionate, diplomatic.

Reversed: Self-compassion, inner feelings, moodiness, emotionally manipulative.

QUOTES

"Compassion is more important than intellect in calling forth the love that the work of peace needs, and intuition can often be a far more powerful searchlight than cold reason." – Betty Williams (author)

"The best and safest thing is to keep a balance in your life, acknowledge the great powers around us and in us. If you can do that, and live that way, you are really a wise man." – Euripides

"Nothing gives a person so much advantage over another as to remain always cool and unruffled under all circumstances." – Thomas Jefferson (US President)

DESCRIPTION

The King of Cups sits on a large stone throne and wears a blue tunic and a gold cape – a symbol of his authority and status. A small fish amulet hangs around his neck symbolising his creativity. In his right hand, he holds a cup representing the emotions, and his left has a sceptre, showing power and control. Unlike the other Cups court cards, he doesn't look at his cup and seems to be focused elsewhere; perhaps he has already mastered his emotional self and doesn't need to concentrate as hard on this facet of himself.

The King of Cups appears to be floating on a granite block in the middle of a turbulent sea. Behind him on his right, a fish jumps out of the ocean, while on the left, a ship sails steadily despite the waves. These images show that this King stays calm and balanced, even

in turbulent conditions, and has learned how to stay open to his emotions and unconscious impulses, without being overwhelmed by them. He keeps power and control while balancing his feelings.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The King of Cups represents mastery over the realms of emotion, creativity and the unconscious. When this card turns up in a Tarot reading, you have gained control of your feelings and can accept them without allowing them to get the better of you. Even when life throws you a curve ball, you can draw on your emotional maturity and stability to help you navigate these challenges. You don't let things get to you, and you steer clear of the drama, instead choosing an emotionally balanced and calm approach.

If you are being challenged personally, the King of Cups suggests you need to remain emotionally mature when faced with negative energy from others. Be firm on your personal boundaries, stating what is and is not acceptable on an emotional level. This King is level-headed and in control of his emotions. He uses his intellect to make smart decisions and does not let other circumstances or whims sway him from his central beliefs and morals. Stay true to your emotions and feelings and do not allow others to steer you off course.

The King of Cups embodies the perfect balance between the executive and the heart. Not only are you able to assess and manage a situation logically, but you can also draw upon your intuition and understanding of human interactions. As a leader, you care as much about achieving your goals and objectives as you do about making sure everyone is happy and engaged along the way. If you sense that logic and emotion are out of balance, draw on the energy of this King to realign yourself.

As a King, he has a masculine, fatherly energy, and as a Cups card, he brings his emotional self to the forefront. He offers wise advice when it comes to feelings, emotions, creativity and relationships and can see the human dynamic in its entirety. The King of Cups is compassionate towards others, creating strong bonds and relationships based on patience and understanding. As you interact with others, you may need to navigate their strong feelings and emotional triggers so you can create a sense of peace in your interactions. He may appear in your life as a mentor, coach or spiritual guide; or you may step into this role yourself.

Career, Work and Finances

The King of Cups balances the logical mind and the emotional heart centre, career ambition and working relationships. He is a perfect card to appear in a business or career reading. Others see you as a compassionate leader able to balance different personalities and agendas to bring about a more harmonious work environment. The King of Cups may appear as a mentor in your working life or as someone who can help you balance your career ambitions with your emotional needs at work. He may be a successful working parent, for example, who has created a harmonious balance between work and family.

Financially, the King of Cups invites you to be generous with your wealth no matter how tight your finances might be. Give with kindness and compassion, knowing that what goes around always comes around.

Personality Types

The King of Cups personality is kind and sensitive, but he certainly isn't a push-over. He has a high level of emotional intelligence and uses his understanding of his emotional needs and inner self to masterfully navigate his relationship with others. He has a positive, balanced and calming influence on others and is always here to help. He has achieved something in life and is in a position where he can now share his wisdom and knowledge with others. A wonderful father or husband, who is very sociable, loving and sensuous, he has the gift of intelligence combined with strong intuition.

He is also diplomatic and politically correct, skilled at balancing the needs of many people and keeps everyone working together productively. He knows how to show care and sensitivity as he leads others towards a common goal. The King acknowledges others' emotional needs and can diffuse a tense situation by reading and responding to the different people involved.

Sometimes, the King of Cups can describe an older male who may show up in your life. This card is a man of business, law or divinity who is considerate and willing to take responsibility for his actions. He is paternalistic but in a sensitive, generous manner, and he enjoys the quiet power associated with providing loving energy to others. He can listen to others, and he responds mindfully in a crisis.

Relationships and Love

Given that the King of Cups is emotionally intelligent, compassionate and sensitive, he makes a fantastic partner. So, in relationship readings, he typically brings good news.

If you are searching for love, the King of Cups can show someone who is balanced and loving is heading your way soon. This card asks you to keep a balanced emotional perspective as you continue on your journey to finding love. It is likely that you are already self-aware, calm and in control, and you can use your emotions to create healthy, loving relationships with others.

In an established relationship, the King of Cups reflects that you or your partner are taking more accountability for your emotional well-being and how you relate to each other. This card sees you stepping up and becoming more mature and in control of your emotional state. You want to be the best person you can be, and so you are working hard towards creating stability, compassion and kindness in the relationship. This is a positive sign for the developing relationship, particularly on an emotional level.

Spirituality

In a spiritual reading, the King of Cups might suggest a spiritual mentor in your life (or one about to enter your life). He has a deep understanding of human nature and knows what others need for spiritual growth. He is willing to share with you his experience and his compassionate energy to make sure that you will create balance and calm in your life.

Well-being and Health

The King of Cups comes as a call to understand your emotions more and how it may affect your health. Through emotional mastery, you will come to understand how to find balance and peace not only with your feelings but also your physical health and well-being. Focus your attention on your emotional state to create a sense of control and calm and treat your body with care and compassion.

Journaling Prompts

- How can I create a greater balance between my head and my heart?
- What helps me stay calm and in control of my emotions?
- How do I give emotional support to others?

Suggested Card Combinations

King of Cups + Hermit – Take time out on your own to explore your emotions and to get into a state of calm and balance.

King of Cups + Temperance – You will be focused on finding a level of inner peace and balance, perhaps with the aid of a mentor or coach.

King of Cups + Queen of Cups – An emotional soulmate union that is the most soothing relationship you have ever experienced.

King of Cups + Six of Pentacles – You will get involved in charity and volunteer work and will find this to be an enriching experience.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The reversed King of Cups indicates that you are focusing your attention on your innermost feelings. You are discovering the emotions stored in your subconscious mind and how these emotions affect you. Through this work, you hope to gain a stronger sense of control over your emotional well-being so that your feelings don't steer you away from living your best life. You may read more self-help books, journaling or seeking the support of a trained counsellor or hypnotherapist so you can journey deep into your subconscious mind.

When the reversed King of Cups appears in your spread, you may be more prone to emotional upset and drama. Others may trigger you or push your buttons HARD, even to where you worry you might lose it and throw an emotional tantrum. You may feel moody, depressed, anxious and unpredictable. You may also lack in self-compassion, beating yourself up over small things that have gone wrong. If this resonates, seek to understand the root cause of your emotions and bring your conscious awareness to the impact they are having on your life. Pay attention to your emotional balance and find your place of calm and compassion. Other people may trigger these emotional responses in you, but it's up to you to stay in control!

The reversed King of Cups could show that you are repressing your emotions and withdrawing from the outside world because you fear what may happen if you were to confront your feelings head-on. Your feelings are bottling up inside you, and you are at risk of an emotional outburst if the pressure gets too much. If this resonates, consider finding a therapist to help you to work through your feelings in a safe environment.

At worst, the reversed King of Cups can represent someone who is vindictive and has a talent for being able to punish others through emotional manipulation. He uses emotional blackmail to get his way and to push his personal agenda. He leaves you feeling uncertain about yourself and as if you are the problem, not him. This only leads to (undeserved) emotional instability within you. If this sounds like someone you have met in the past, you still have work to do in releasing yourself from his controlling forces.

Suggested Card Combinations

King of Cups reversed + Devil – You may be involved with someone who is emotionally manipulative, creating a dependent and unhealthy relationship.

King of Cups reversed + Judgement reversed – You are failing to take responsibility for your current circumstances.

King of Cups reversed + Four of Cups – You may become emotionally withdrawn and apathetic of the world around you, leading to bitterness and negativity.

THE SUIT OF PENTACLES

The suit of Pentacles (also known as Coins or Disks) pertains to the physical and material levels of consciousness and associates with finances, work, bodily health, and manifestation. Pentacles speak about your outer world: how you create it, shape it, transform and grow it. On a more esoteric plane, they correlate to the ego, self-esteem and self-image. Should a Tarot reading be predominantly Pentacles cards, it shows you are seeking solutions to financial matters, concerns with career, and your ability to manifest your goals.

The Suit of Pentacles represents the Earth element. Earth is tactile, homey and tangible. It creates the foundation from which the planet can grow and develop, and it supports and nurtures the plants and trees. Earth is stable, supportive and fertile, and a receptive, feminine element. It takes in nutrients and sunrays and then uses this energy to sustain the life that grows from its rich soil.

When you see a Pentacles Court Card in a Tarot reading, it often relates to a person with a Taurus, Virgo, or Capricorn star sign. Generally, Pentacles people are practical, career-minded, down-to-earth and generous. They are tactile beings and like to experience the physical, tangible world. They lead a very sensory existence and seek pleasurable and sometimes indulgent experiences.

The negative aspects of the Suit of Pentacles include being possessive, greedy and overly materialistic, over-indulging and not exercising, managing one's finances poorly, and being fixated on one's career to the detriment of other life priorities. Often what is necessary to counteract these conditions is a return to nature to ground oneself and rediscover what is truly important.

QUICK KEYWORDS CHART: SUIT OF PENTACLES

ACE

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
A new financial or career opportunity	Lost opportunity
Manifestation	Lack of planning and foresight
Abundance	

TWO

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Multiple priorities	Over-committed
Time management	Disorganisation
Prioritisation	Reprioritisation
Adaptability	

THREE

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Teamwork	Disharmony
Collaboration	Misalignment
Learning	Working alone
Implementation	

FOUR

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Saving money	Over-spending
Security	Greed
Conservatism	Self-protection
Scarcity	
Control	

FIVE

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Financial loss	Recovery from financial loss
Poverty	Spiritual poverty
Lack mindset	
Isolation	
Worry	

SIX

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Giving	Self-care
Receiving	Unpaid debts
Sharing wealth	One-sided charity
Generosity	
Charity	

SEVEN

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Long-term view	Lack of long-term vision
Sustainable results	Limited success or reward
Perseverance	
Iinvestment	

EIGHT

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Apprenticeship	Self-development
Repetitive tasks	Perfectionism
Mastery	Misdirected activity
Skill development	

NINE

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Abundance Luxury	Self-worth
Self-sufficiency	Over-investment in work
Financial independence	Hustling

TEN

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Wealth	The dark side of wealth
Financial security	Financial failure or loss
Family	
Long-term success	
Contribution	

PAGE

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Manifestation	Lack of progress
Financial opportunity	Procrastination
Skill development	Learn from failure

KNIGHT

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Hard work	Self-discipline
Productivity	Boredom
Routine	Feeling 'stuck'
Conservatism	Perfectionism

QUEEN

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Nurturing	Financial independence
Practical	Self-care
Providing financially	Work-home conflict
A working parent	

KING

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Wealth / Business	Financially inept
Leadership	Obsessed with wealth and status
Security	Stubborn
Discipline	
Abundance	

ACE OF PENTACLES

KEYWORDS

Upright: A new financial or career opportunity, manifestation, abundance.

Reversed: Lost opportunity, lack of planning and foresight.

QUOTES

"Prosperity in the form of wealth works exactly the same as everything else. You will see it coming into your life when you are unattached to needing it." – Wayne Dyer (author and psychotherapist)

"A good deal happens in a man's life that he is not responsible for. Fortunate openings occur; but it is safe to remember that such 'breaks' are occurring all the time, and other things being equal, the advantage goes to the man who is ready." – Lawrence Downs (professor)

DESCRIPTION

The Ace of Pentacles depicts a hand emerging from the clouds, much like the Aces of the other suits. A large coin sits in the cupped palm, freely available to whoever has the wherewithal to take it. It is as if a new opportunity, associated with wealth, business, and manifestation, has appeared out of nowhere and is now being extended to you in all its glory. The impetus is now on you to accept this offer and turn it into something meaningful and sustainable.

The landscape in this card is lush and abounding: a garden brimming with green grass and white lilies. A small path leads to an archway, wrapped in beautiful foliage and flowers and, beyond the arch, mountain peaks soar in the horizon. This verdant imagery signals that the time is ripe to move forward with your career and financial ambitions. While it will require hard work and determination (scaling mountains is no easy task), the Ace of Pentacles encourages you to make the most of this opportunity while it's in its most abundant state.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Ace of Pentacles, like the other Aces of the Tarot, represents new beginnings, opportunities, and potential – and as a Pentacles card, these new beginnings correlate to the material world: finances, wealth, career, physical health and manifestation of your goals. You may receive a new job offer, an unexpected sum of money, a new business or investment opportunity may come your way, or you'll have the chance to bring an idea to fruition. No matter the occasion, the Ace of Pentacles heralds a sense of prosperity and abundance in the material or financial areas of your life. It undoubtedly comes as a welcome invitation – but it is not a free ride. As with all Aces in the Tarot deck, this card illustrates the possibility of a new endeavour but does not guarantee its manifestation or success. That piece is up to you.

See the Ace of Pentacles as your 'green light'. It marks the initial stages of manifesting your goals and assures you that you can truly achieve what you have set your mind to do. The world is your oyster and, through careful planning and determined effort, you can manifest your goals and desires. Your ideas are ready to turn into something tangible and real! This card encourages you to map out how you will achieve your ambitions, create targeted plans and get those actions underway. Keep your eyes open for chances to manifest your goals and realise your inner potential.

The Ace of Pentacles also symbolises wealth, not just for your bank account but in a holistic sense as well. You may discover opportunities to generate a new source of income or receive a financial gift or windfall. Or you may have a chance to create wealth in a broader sense – happiness, fulfilment, potential, and love. This Ace signifies abundance in all areas of your life. Enjoy it! Feel blessed and deserving of everything that comes your way. If you wish to amplify this feeling of prosperity, live by the Law of Attraction and send your positive energy and intent into the Universe so you will receive more in return.

Career, Work and Finances

The Ace of Pentacles is typically a happy sign in any career, work or financial reading as it signals fortune, prosperity and new opportunities.

If you are hunting for a new job, this card suggests that soon you will receive a very appealing offer. The job market is bountiful, and many paths are available to help you progress your career, find a new job, and/or increase your salary. These opportunities may also have only recently come up, as the Aces are about new projects rather than existing ones.

If you are considering launching a new business, the Ace of Pentacles affirms that this new idea has potential. You have the practical knowledge, passion and action-orientation to manifest your goals, and you will attract wealth to you, no matter what. If you go into this business with a view of endless abundance, you will draw it towards you.

If you are employed, the Ace of Pentacles can indicate a job promotion, salary increase or a new high-profile project. New opportunities to prove your talents to others are coming your way. Accept these occasions and your efforts will be rewarded.

Financially, the Ace of Pentacles is a positive sign that a new monetary offer, opportunity or gift is coming your way. Again, it may be a pay raise, an inheritance, an unexpected windfall or a higher-paying job. That said, if you receive an unexpected sum of money, don't spend it all at once – you may be better off investing it or saving it for a rainy day.

Personality Types

The Ace of Pentacles personality is entrepreneurial, action-oriented, business-minded, practical and grounded. This person can readily identify opportunities to expand wealth and financial success, and often before anyone else. He or she is highly goal-oriented but also has plans in place to manifest those goals. Don't be surprised to find the Ace of Pentacles personality starting up a new business, investing in the share markets and launching new projects to increase personal wealth. His or her life is exciting and dynamic, filled with opportunity and abundance.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, the Ace of Pentacles points to a new opportunity on the horizon. The suit of Pentacles suggests the opening may present itself to you in a work context, perhaps by meeting someone through work or with similar career interests as you. This card also speaks to manifestation and suggests that if you have your sights set on meeting someone, then you will. One thing to remember, though, is that the Aces are all about new beginnings and not necessarily about established scenarios. So, it will be up to you to make these connections happen and keep them going in the long run.

If you are in a committed relationship, the Ace of Pentacles suggests that the two of you may find an opportunity to go into business together or pair up for a new financial venture. You may even combine your finances and start a new account or buy a new home.

Spirituality

While the Ace of Pentacles has a strong connection to the material realm, this card can also reflect abundance and wealth in a spiritual sense. If you radiate positive energy into the Universe, it will come back to you. Consider, too, how you can manifest your spiritual goals by undertaking real action. For example, you may invest in a new course that will help you attain your spiritual aims.

Well-being and Health

In a health reading, the Ace of Pentacles suggests you may hear about an innovative way to improve your physical health. It may be a new treatment or medicine, a drug trial, or a wellness practice you haven't considered. Do your research before deciding if it's right for you. Has it been proven effective and received the necessary approvals to assure your safety? Are there any adverse side effects? It's likely that this new approach will be to your benefit, but it's always good to be well informed.

Journaling Prompts

- What new opportunities are available to me, particularly in my finances and career?
- How can I manifest my goals?
- What new ideas can I bring to fruition?

Suggested Card Combinations

Ace of Pentacles + World – Completing a long-term project may bring in an unexpected reward or bonus.

Ace of Pentacles + Ace of Cups – You have an opportunity to turn a passion or hobby into a business.

Ace of Pentacles + Four of Cups – You need time to mull over a job offer or financial proposition before committing yourself.

Ace of Pentacles + Three of Wands – An entrepreneurial combination with the opportunity to start a business venture with overseas connections.

Ace of Pentacles + Six of Wands – The start of a new business, job or project will lead to immediate success and public recognition.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

When the reversed Ace of Pentacles appears in a Tarot reading, you may feel hesitant about moving forward with an offer, invitation or opportunity, particularly one that relates to your career, finances or business. You may catch yourself second-guessing the timing or doubting whether you have what it takes to see it through. Don't move forward until you're ready. Assess the feasibility of your idea and its potential outcomes. Perform your due diligence and figure out if this opportunity is meant for you or not.

The Ace of Pentacles reversed may also be a warning that a financial opportunity – a pay raise, a new job, a loan, or a business offer – could fall through unexpectedly or the other party might retract it without explanation. As the saying goes, "Don't count your chickens before they hatch!" So, if you get an offer, wait until the money is in your bank account before spending it.

Furthermore, the Ace of Pentacles reversed advises you to be very careful with your expenditures. When the card is inverted, the coin looks as though it's about to fall out of the magical hand. Now is not the time to get in over your head or take on any obligations with huge monthly repayments. Do not rely on the promise of a financial opportunity in the future (like a pay raise or a gift) either. Be pragmatic and allow a bit of 'fat' in your budgeting in case you are without employment or have a large and unexpected financial outlay.

At times, the reversed Ace of Pentacles suggests that you are trying to manifest your goals but keep running into delays and other impediments. If you're having limited success, then you may need to revise your proposed approach. Do you need to realign your goals to something more realistic? Financial or other professional advice may be necessary to help you get back on track.

If you are looking to start a new business or take up a new job offer, the reversed Ace of Pentacles warns of a significant risk due to lack of planning and foresight. Do not charge ahead without validating whether the market has a need for your services. Spend a bit more time in the planning stage and give ample consideration to the financial aspects of your new venture.

Suggested Card Combinations

Ace of Pentacles reversed + Seven of Cups – Your mind is swirling with ideas, but you struggle to get started.

Ace of Pentacles reversed + Four of Pentacles – You may place too much value on material wealth and possession, behaving in greedy and selfish ways.

Ace of Pentacles reversed + Two of Wands reversed – You lack sufficient planning and foresight and need to re-assess your goals. Are you striving towards the right areas.

TWO OF PENTACLES

KEYWORDS

Upright: Multiple priorities, time management, prioritisation, adaptability.

Reversed: Over-committed, disorganisation, reprioritisation.

QUOTES

"Set priorities for your goals. A major part of successful living lies in the ability to put first things first. Indeed, the reason most major goals are not achieved is that we spend our time doing second things first." – Robert J. Mckain (motivational author)

"The wise adapt themselves to circumstances, as water moulds itself to the pitcher." – Chinese proverb

"You will never 'find' time for anything. If you want time, you must make it." – Charles Bruxton (philanthropist and writer)

DESCRIPTION

In the Two of Pentacles, a young man dances while juggling two coins in his hands. The infinity symbol links the coins, suggesting that this man can handle unlimited problems so long as he manages his time, energy and resources well. In the background, two ships sail the high seas, bobbing up and down on the huge waves – another sign that the ups and downs of life are manageable with focus and attention.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

When the Two of Pentacles appears in a Tarot reading, it's safe to say you are juggling your priorities, roles and responsibilities. For example, you may be a working parent, a general manager of a business, an administrative assistant in a busy office, or someone who works multiple jobs. In the upright position, this card notes you are doing an excellent job of balancing these different priorities, and you can take on whatever life throws at you; but this Two reminds you that the line between coping with these demands and losing control is thin. You need to manage your time, energy and resources carefully so you do not lose your balance.

The Two of Pentacles often appears when you are busy, rushing from one thing to the next, with little downtime in between. You may tell yourself that you haven't got enough time or you're in a rush. However, remember that you don't have to be busy to get things done. Sometimes taking a break is the most productive thing you can do. Similarly, the Two of Pentacles can appear when you are getting caught up in the day-to-day demands and losing sight of the bigger picture. If this resonates, ask yourself: What life do I want? And how can I reorganise my schedule to create the life I desire?

The Two of Pentacles invites you to manage your time and your priorities carefully. Your workload is high right now, and to get everything done, you need to stay focused and productive. You may benefit from a 'to do' list, better calendar management and a stricter schedule. You may even enlist the support of an assistant or business coach to help you make the right changes. Basic time management is crucial to your ability to juggle these various priorities and keep your head above water. This card also reminds you to pay special attention to your general administration, including paying bills managing finances, staying on top of your commitments and maintaining your diary. Be careful that you do not miss important deadlines, meetings and other obligations.

This card calls your awareness to the concept of balance and those parts of your life where you have it (and those where you don't). While you can strive for equilibrium, nothing ever stays in perfect harmony. For example, stabilising your work and family commitments sounds fantastic, but in reality, your family might be more high-priority one week, and work the next. So, when the Two of Pentacles appears in a Tarot reading, see it as a reminder to be patient, flexible and adaptable as you try to juggle your responsibilities with your family, friends, work, finances, health and new challenges. Be ready to swap around activities or accommodate last-minute requests. And know that if you are succeeding in one area of your life, it's likely you're struggling in another – that's just a part of the balancing act!

Career, Work and Finances

In a work-related reading, the Two of Pentacles acknowledges that you are wearing many hats and managing a lot of responsibilities in your job – maybe too much – and the pressure is getting to you. Emergencies and 'fire-fighting' pull your attention in ten different directions, but you will also need to keep your focus on the activities that will deliver over the long term. Effective time management is make-or-break for you right now. Can you stay focused on the tasks that present the most value? If the work on your plate has you feeling overwhelmed, take a moment out of your busy schedule to plan and prioritise your activities before jumping back into them. Start with your most critical issues. This will help you use your time much more effectively.

If you are considering a new career, the Two of Pentacles suggests that you are trying to keep your options open by pursuing several goals or career opportunities simultaneously. Yes, you may be very busy, but at least you are growing your portfolio and exploring other potential avenues. Of course, you may not be able to sustain this long and will need to choose where to put your attention.

Stay attentive to your budget, including your day-to-day expenses and income, to hold your finances in balance. Keep a check on cashflow, too, to ensure you have enough available to pay the bills.

Personality Types

Two of Pentacles personalities are always busy! They perpetually have something 'on the go' and skilfully juggle the various elements of their lives. Somehow they manage to be a parent, an employee, a business owner, a mentor, and a volunteer – all at the same time! Their lives may appear to be chaotic, but they mostly have it under control. The downside, however, is that while they are going about achieving multiple goals, they cannot give anything their full attention and, as a result, some areas may suffer.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, you may find that work or other commitments are taking over your life, leaving little time or energy to invest in a new relationship. Use the time you do have wisely! Be clear on where your priorities lie. If you are keen to find a partner, then you may need to stop other activities to free up some space.

If you are in a committed relationship, you and your partner may have trouble finding time and energy for each other. Your many responsibilities and projects have bogged you down and one or both of you might prioritise work or business ahead of each other, leaving the other person feeling neglected. Unless you address it, this pattern will continue to get in the way and may make matters increasingly difficult as time goes on. You may find it helps to sit down together and plan out your time for the coming months to make sure you get to do the

things you want as a couple.

Spirituality

Are you so consumed in the day-to-day affairs that you have little time for your spiritual development? The Two of Pentacles says yes. Focusing on your spirituality takes time and space, but you must create and prioritise these resources. By investing time in meditation and an inward focus, you will most likely find you can better manage your affairs with a greater sense of inner peace and calm.

Well-being and Health

The Two of Pentacles suggests that you need to prioritise your health alongside your other commitments. Make time for exercise, prepare nutritious meals, and take time for rest and relaxation. If you put your health last on the list, it will suffer.

Journaling Prompts

- How am I managing my time and energy?
- What is my ONE priority? How can I stay focused on it?
- What tasks or responsibilities can I delegate to others?

Suggested Card Combinations

Two of Pentacles + Chariot – You need to regain control over your daily demands and reduce distractions.

Two of Pentacles + Magician – Even though you are busy, this work is integral to setting yourself up for future success.

Two of Pentacles + Temperance – Through the chaos, you are working towards creating balance and finding the right mix in your life.

Two of Pentacles + Two of Swords – You may be forced to decide where your priorities lie instead of juggling multiple commitments.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

In an inverted position, the Two of Pentacles warns that you are overcommitted and, at times, struggling to maintain your overloaded schedule or stay on top of your bills. Others might not see it yet, but the stress is getting to you and you may even catch yourself dropping the ball. Follow this card's lesson and get organised. You may need to bring more structure to your responsibilities through budgets, to do lists, forward planning or a diary and effective time management. Turn down opportunities that are no longer in alignment with your goals.

The reversed Two of Pentacles can also be a sign you are over-investing in one area of your life at the expense of others. For example, you may excel in your career, but have little time for your family or your partner, leaving them feeling disconnected and alone. While you may get away with a few late nights at work, there will come a time when enough is enough. Something has to give.

The reversed Two of Pentacles invites you to reassess your priorities and goals and decide where you want to spend your time and energy. Distractions are plenty, and it will take every ounce of your concentration to stay true to your goals. Choose the one thing you need to focus on so you can give it your undivided attention and you will reach success.

Suggested Card Combinations

Two of Pentacles reversed + Ten of Cups reversed – You are placing too much emphasis on work and neglecting your family, creating a lack of harmony.

Two of Pentacles reversed + Four of Swords – You have become too busy and overloaded, and thus a rest and relaxation period are strongly recommended.

Two of Pentacles reversed + Nine of Wands – You are becoming overwhelmed with responsibilities and barely making it through. Time to quit a few activities to buy yourself some breathing space.

THREE OF PENTACLES

KEYWORDS

Upright: Teamwork, collaboration, learning, implementation.

Reversed: Disharmony, misalignment, working alone.

QUOTES

"Teamwork is so important that it is virtually impossible for you to reach the heights of your capabilities or make the money that you want without becoming very good at it." – Brian Tracy (author)

"Individual commitment to a group effort—that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work." – Vince Lombardi (football coach)

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." – Henry Ford (founder of Ford Motor Company)

DESCRIPTION

The Three of Pentacles shows a young stonemason working with his tools on a portion of a cathedral. In front of him two architects hold the plans for the design. The soaring ceilings and intricate engravings signify that both parties are skilled in their respective crafts. The stonemason appears to be discussing his progress so far with the architects, and even though he is less experienced, they value his opinion and specialist knowledge. Their body language insinuates that this young man is an essential contributor to the cathedral's completion and the architects want to make sure that everyone is on the same page.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The stonemason couldn't build the cathedral without the help of the architects, and they couldn't build it without him. Each person has an important role to play, and when they come together as a team, they can create something much more significant than if they were to undertake the project on their own. So, when the Three of Pentacles turns up in a Tarot reading, take it as a sign to collaborate with others, creating synergies to achieve big results.

The Three of Pentacles represents the value of different ideas and levels of experience in collaboration. The architects respect the specialised knowledge of the stonemason, and the stonemason appreciates the wisdom and experience of the architects. Even though their backgrounds, experience levels and expertise are very different, they can come together to share their insight in a way that creates synergy and improves the finished product. There is no 'us and them' or any sense of superiority. Instead, each person has something to offer and is willing to learn from the others involved in the project. Everyone is getting the job done collectively and contributes to the group through active listening and sharing. As you work on projects with others, acknowledge the value that each person brings to the table. You will also learn from each member of the team when you see his or her unique contribution.

The Three of Pentacles, like the Threes in the other suits, marks the initial stages of implementation that follow the Ace's idea phase and the planning step of the Two. You know what you want to create; you've laid out the plans, gathered your resources (money, people and time), and set to work – you may have already reached your first significant milestone. Of course, you are nowhere near the finish line just yet, but you have got the ball rolling and are making things happen.

As you implement your plans, you will realize that you have the skills, capabilities and resources you need to accomplish your objectives. See the Three of Pentacles as an encouragement that you are on the right track. You are competent at what you do, and you are making progress. Keep going! Adequate preparation, management and organisation are also integral components of the Three of Pentacles. Achieving significant goals, such as building a grand cathedral, requires detailed planning. This card, therefore, tells you to create a comprehensive plan and to follow a schedule. Now is when good project management will pay off.

Career, Work and Finances

In a career reading, the Three of Pentacles is a positive sign you will join forces with others to get the job done. You may all have diverse levels of experience or expertise, but you have a profound respect for what each person brings to the table and know your combined abilities will produce a much better outcome. Now may also be an excellent time to get involved

in a professional network or a community where you can collaborate and share with other talented individuals. The quality of thinking will be immense and the benefits enormous.

If you are facing challenges at work, then the Three of Pentacles advises you to give more thought and attention to how you can draw on the diverse experience levels of each contributor. Even if you come from entirely different backgrounds, learn to respect that each person has something unique to contribute.

You also have an excellent opportunity to use rigorous project planning and management processes to ensure a large task gets completed on time. Make sure that you have a holistic view of what needs to be done, even the most delicate details.

Financially, the Three of Pentacles is a positive sign that your hard work and effort will be rewarded. It may be financial reward tied to your performance or completing a piece of a project. Keep striving to earn it.

Personality Types

The Three of Pentacles personality type is someone who is hardworking, conscientious, skilful, collaborative, and well organised. This person rarely likes to work in isolation, preferring to draw upon the skills and knowledge of those around him or her to create the best outcomes. Three of Pentacles personalities are not concerned with who knows the most or has the most authority—they just want to get the job done well. They are open to feedback and suggestions on how to improve. They also prefer to work according to a schedule or project plan to keep all activities on track and ensure all relevant stakeholders are clear on their accountabilities.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, the Three of Pentacles suggests that you are likely to find a partner through your work. You may connect with a colleague, a customer, or someone with whom you share a professional interest. The nature of your relationship is likely to be practical at first, with a stronger focus on your work connection than your romantic attraction. Look to other cards in the reading to understand if the relationship will become more romantically oriented with time.

If you are in an established relationship, this card shows you will both work well together to overcome any practical challenges. For example, you may collaborate on a trip overseas, planning a wedding or developing your parenting approach. Not only do you share a romantic connection, you are also quite the pair of problem solvers.

Spirituality

In a spiritual reading, the Three of Pentacles serves as a reminder that we are all working together to connect with the Divine. Some people may have been on a spiritual journey for

most of their lives, while others have only just begun. Ultimately, we are all endeavouring towards the same goal of enlightenment, and must respect each other's progress along the way. Each of us is a part of something greater than ourselves. Thus, as you think about your spiritual journey, consider how you can join forces with other like-minded individuals to draw closer to the Divine.

Well-being and Health

The Three of Pentacles is a sign to enlist the assistance of a team of health experts. For example, you may work with a nutritionist, acupuncturist and massage therapist to improve or enhance your physical fitness. Collectively, these practitioners will support you in achieving great results. You may also consider joining up with a health group or organisation or creating your own support network of relevant specialists.

Journaling Prompts

- How can I collaborate with others to achieve my goals?
- What unique contribution am I making to the team? How are others contributing their unique talents?
- What skills do I want to develop?

Suggested Card Combinations

Three of Pentacles + Hierophant – Working within a team or network of professionals who share similar values or a code of ethics/practise.

Three of Pentacles + Two of Cups – A working relationship is likely to become a romantic relationship or a strong friendship.

Three of Pentacles + Three of Wands – Planning and preparing for the future, with a particular regard to business expansion.

Three of Pentacles + King of Wands – Working with a visionary and charismatic mentor who will help you see new possibilities to enhance your quality of work.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

Reversed, the Three of Pentacles suggests you may be grappling with a lack of harmony with fellow team members, making it difficult to complete a project. You're not on the same page as one another, or you're not listening or valuing one another's opinions and ideas. If this resonates, you need to realign with the original goals of the project and make new agreements about how you will work together to achieve those goals. You may need to renegotiate timelines, resources, and the amount of energy you each put into the project. Given that the upright Three of Pentacles is about proper planning and organisation, the reversal of this card can suggest that you need to bring more systematic energy into your job. If you do not have a clear view of how you will accomplish your goals, then it will be beneficial to stop work momentarily and plan out your next steps at a detailed level.

There may also be a lack of respect between team members, with individuals trying to prove themselves and gain superiority over others. If this is the case, set clear guidelines for the team, especially around respect and collaboration. Acknowledge the unique contribution each person makes, no matter his or her experience or knowledge.

The Three of Pentacles reversed can also point out that you are working in a relatively mundane job in which your contributions and experience go unappreciated and undervalued. There is not much opportunity for growth and advancement, and you feel as if your skills and capabilities are not being utilised. It may be a good time to make a career move and find an organisation that values your talents.

At times, the Three of Pentacles reversed can indicate that you prefer to go it alone and get the job done yourself. You may be fed up waiting for others or feel inclined to just do it all on your own. You may be right. However, if you find yourself struggling, be open to asking for help.

Suggested Card Combinations

Three of Pentacles reversed + Fool – This combination celebrates the freedom of living without a specific purpose and being receptive to exploring entirely new and spontaneous experiences.

Three of Pentacles reversed + Nine of Pentacles – Looking out for yourself, rather than the team.

Three of Pentacles reversed + Five of Wands – A lack of teamwork as a result of not listening to each other or valuing each other's opinions.

Three of Pentacles reversed + Seven of Wands – A work environment filled with competition and self-centred behaviour.

FOUR OF PENTACLES

KEYWORDS

Upright: Saving money, security, conservatism, scarcity, control.

Reversed: Over-spending, greed, self-protection.

QUOTES

"The art is not in making money, but in keeping it." – Proverb

"So many of us define ourselves by what we have, what we wear, what kind of house we live in, and what kind of car we drive.... If you think of yourself as the woman in the Cartier watch and the Hermes scarf, a house fire will destroy not only your possessions but yourself." – Linda Henley (counsellor and author)

"Many people think that by hoarding money they are gaining safety for themselves. If money is your ONLY hope for independence, you will never have it. The only real security that a person can have in this world is a reserve of knowledge, experience, and ability. Without these qualities, money is practically useless." – Henry Ford (founder of Ford Motor Company)

DESCRIPTION

The Four of Pentacles shows a man sitting on a stool, beyond the boundaries of his hometown. His arms are wrapped tightly around a coin as if he fears he may lose it if he loosens his grip. He balances another pentacle on his head, impeding his connection with spirit, and two more sit securely underneath his feet. He clearly doesn't want anyone to take his coins. However, because he is so attached to his money, he can't move or go anywhere. He has no one to speak to, not even the friends and family members in the community behind him. The man finds himself stuck in one place with a singular fixation: wealth.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Four of Pentacles asks you to examine your relationship with money. Are you accumulating wealth and investing your money wisely while still enjoying your day-to-day life? Or are you desperately clinging to every coin, afraid to spend your money for fear that you do not have enough or could lose it forever?

In its most positive state, the Four of Pentacles suggests that you have created wealth and abundance by maintaining a steady focus on your goals and acting conservatively. You are attentive to your long-term financial security, actively saving money and watching your expenses so you can accumulate wealth and live a comfortable lifestyle not just now but also in the future. You may consider a savings plan, family budget, a retirement plan, and safe investments, so you can protect what you accumulated over time and slowly and steadily increase your net worth.

However, the Four of Pentacles typically accompanies a scarcity mindset, especially with money and material possessions. Instead of spending your cash and enjoying a comfortable lifestyle, you are choosing to stockpile your finances, for fear you might lose it all or someone else might take it away. Your budget may be so conservative or strict that it cuts out many of life's pleasures, including travel, social occasions, gifts, or fun activities – but for what purpose? Money works best when it can flow and exchange, not when it is being stashed away. Deep down you may realise that you are foregoing happiness and fulfilment in your life because you do not want to spend any of your money and you sold out for an overly safe approach to life. If this resonates, find a healthy balance between spending and saving, so you can enjoy the fruits of your labour but also save up for the future.

The Four of Pentacles can also suggest that you are placing too much value on money and material possessions. You may be attached to material things, allowing possessions to become your life. You assess your self-worth based on how much you earn, the car you drive, how expensive your home is, and where you take your holidays. But, it's a Catch-22 because as your standard of living increases, so too will the need to work hard to generate income to sustain this kind of lifestyle, leaving you with little time to enjoy your wealth.

The broader lesson with the Four of Pentacles is to honour and respect money and wealth but don't become so attached that you lose sight of what's most important to you: friends, family, happiness and love.

If you are struggling with your finances, then the Four of Pentacles comes as wise advice to manage your money and resources more carefully so that you do not live beyond your means. Make sure you do not spend more than you earn and that you have a budget and savings plan in place so you can reach your financial goals and live a secure and stable life.

Beyond money and wealth, the Four of Pentacles appears when you are seeking out more

control in your life. At work, you may be micromanaging or not letting others mess around with your area. In a relationship, you may be protective – even possessive – ensuring that no one else threatens what you built. On a personal level, you may have an inflexible attitude and resist change. You may even feel more inclined to hoard your possessions. After all, you already established a way of living that works for you! Change feels like a threat to your certainty, safety and security in life. Any suggestion of doing things differently is, therefore, going to be met with resistance. So, 'playing it safe' may be the way to go rather than taking any risks at this point.

Career, Work and Finances

In a career reading, the Four of Pentacles reflects your desire for a safe and stable work environment, rather than something that is more dynamic and prone to change. With this in mind, you may be better suited to working in the public sector or in a traditional or conservative organisation. Working in a dynamic area undergoing a fast pace of change would make you feel very anxious.

Likewise, when this card appears, you can take some assurance that your job is in a stable position. While there may not be significant growth in your career track, you are content to stay in this role because it provides a steady stream of income and you do not have to worry about your finances.

In a finance reading, the Four of Pentacles is a sign of stability and long-term saving. You may have already achieved it, having accumulated significant wealth and protecting that wealth in low-risk investments. Alternatively, this card may come as a reminder to focus on saving your money and setting tight budgets to meet your financial goals. Be careful, though, that you are not miserly or penny-pinching. The risk of the Four of Pentacles is that you become so focused on increasing wealth that you neglect other areas of your life. I remember a colleague who refused even to go out for a coffee because she wanted to pay off her mortgage as quickly as possible. As a result, she became isolated from her colleagues and her friends. Don't be that person!

Personality Types

The Four of Pentacles personality type is conservative, methodical, and frugal. He takes a longer-term view, especially when it comes to money and wealth, and is not inclined to take risks in financial matters. However, taken too far, this personality can become miserly, greedy, possessive, controlling and overly focused on material possessions and wealth. He will share nothing in his life with other people, particularly money or possessions. Even when others ask for help, he may turn his back on the situation to protect his own wealth and possessions.

Relationships and Love

In relationship readings, the Four of Pentacles shows possessive or controlling behaviour rooted in fear rather than love. You may be clinging to a relationship, creating a suffocating existence, or trying to control everything your partner is doing to ensure that they do not hurt you or betray you. You may also act selfishly and withhold from your partner. This behaviour is incredibly off-putting and shows a lack of trust and respect. True love allows for space between the lovers, and no matter what, one can ever really control another person (and shouldn't try).

If you are looking for love, you may need to be less conservative in your approach and perhaps less 'picky' about what your type really is. You will need to step outside your comfort zone to let love into your life, be less controlling and just go with the flow.

Spirituality

In a spiritual reading, the Four of Pentacles warns that you are placing material wealth above spiritual wealth. The coin sitting on the man's head is blocking the flow of energy from the Universe down through his crown chakra. It shows how he is missing the opportunity to connect with the Divine because he is so fixed on what he possesses. You have become so attached to your material possessions that you have forgotten that you do not need them for true spiritual enlightenment. You may find that you are better off going 'without' to connect more deeply with your spiritual self. Try heading off into the wilderness with only your essential items (laptops do not count) to rediscover your spiritual riches.

Well-being and Health

The Four of Pentacles can suggest that you are working too hard to sustain your current standard of living, and its impact on your health is proving detrimental. You may need to lower your expectations around how much money you need to earn, especially if it is hurting your well-being.

Journaling Prompts

- What is my relationship with money and material possessions?
- What am I clinging to, and how might I loosen my grip?
- How can I allow money to flow freely?

Suggested Card Combinations

Four of Pentacles + Emperor reversed – You are acting stubborn or selfish and putting others off.

Four of Pentacles + Chariot – You have a strong desire to control your environment to better drive your agenda.

Four of Pentacles + Nine of Pentacles – This card combination points to materialism and the status and power that accompany financial wealth.

Four of Pentacles + Two of Swords – Your inflexibility is creating a stalemate or a blockage.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The reversed Four of Pentacles can show up when you are re-evaluating what's important to you, especially in money and wealth. You may have placed too much value on material possessions and have now come to the realisation that money and 'things' won't make you happy – only love will do that. As a result, you may loosen your grip on the need to surround yourself with 'things', in favour of seeking out more love and happiness in your life instead. You might feel compelled to de-clutter your home or opt for a minimalist lifestyle. Money is no longer your number one priority, and you are redefining your relationship with material possessions and money.

The Four of Pentacles reversed can signify that money is slipping through your fingers, and your spending habits exceed your savings. You may be spending unconsciously, hoping it will bring happiness, but all it does is bring you more stress and anxiety as your bank balance declines.

At times, the reversed Four of Pentacles can suggest that your love for money has turned to greed. You want more, more, more – but at what cost? In the quest to earn more money, you may be working more extended hours but neglecting your loved ones. Or, if you have your own business, you may be pushing sales harder to generate more profit at the expense of your customers' well-being. Look at the overall cost-benefit equation and assess whether your quest for 'more' is bringing you the happiness you most desire.

Finally, the Four of Pentacles can appear in a Tarot reading when you are in self-protection mode. You have a strong desire for security, stability and certainty and you are doing everything within your power to create a stable environment. You can create more certainty for yourself by controlling your inner environment, even when your outer world seems chaotic and in a constant state of change. You might find tidying the house or organising your things to be calming and relaxing under these circumstances.

Suggested Card Combinations

Four of Pentacles reversed + Five of Pentacles – A lack of financial planning and management may cause you to lose everything.

Four of Pentacles reversed + Ten of Wands – You have taken on too much responsibility, and are creating an unnecessary financial burden for yourself.

Four of Pentacles reversed + Two of Cups reversed – Your possessiveness and controlling behaviour is taking its toll on a relationship and is likely to lead to its demise if you do not let up.

FIVE OF PENTACLES

KEYWORDS

Upright: Financial loss, poverty, lack mindset, isolation, worry.

Reversed: Recovery from financial loss, spiritual poverty.

QUOTES

"Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everybody, I think that is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat." – Mother Teresa

"Most people never feel secure because they are always worried that they will lose their job, lose the money they already have, lose their spouse, lose their health, and so on. The only true security in life comes from knowing that every single day you are improving yourself in some way, that you are increasing the calibre of who you are and that you are valuable to your company, your friends, and your family." – Anthony Robbins (motivational author and speaker)

"If you see yourself as prosperous, you will be. If you see yourself as continually hard up, that is exactly what you will be." – Robert Collier (writer)

DESCRIPTION

In the Five of Pentacles, two people walk through the icy wind and snow; both are destitute and living in poverty. One man is injured and on crutches, while the other is barefoot and has only a thin blanket to protect him from the bleak winter weather. Behind them sits a church with its lit up and exuding warmth, a symbol of hope, faith and spiritual support. However, because the two people are so focused on their plight, they fail to see that help is available to them and continue on in their desperate journey.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Five of Pentacles is a card of financial loss and poverty. You have hit hard times, especially when it comes to your work, career, finances, and material possessions. You may have recently lost your job, your home, or your financial security. You no longer feel safe because it has all been stripped away from you in one blow. Your ego may also be bruised, especially since success often correlates to financial wealth; losing either can be a humbling blow to your self-esteem and sense of self-worth. The upside is that this is a Minor Arcana card with temporary effects (rather than a Major Arcana card which has a longer-term impact). This, too, shall pass.

In this time of need, the Five of Pentacles indicates that you feel isolated and alone. Just like the two people in the card, you feel as if you have been left in the cold. You may wonder, "Why is no-one coming to help me!?" It may appear as if no one cares anymore. However, since the windows in the church are lit up, help is nearby; but you are too focused on your problems to notice. You may be waiting for someone to come and help you when really, you need to be proactive and ask for help. You need to swallow your pride or let go of your fear of rejection and reach out. People are here to support you. Find them and let them know you need them.

At times, the Five of Pentacles highlights a 'lack mindset'. You are sabotaging your ability to create abundance because you only focus on what you lack. All you can see is what is going wrong. To shift this energy, look for evidence of what you do have, even if it's very small or seemingly insignificant, and express your gratitude for those blessings in your life. Over time, the positive aspects will continue to grow and soon, 'lack' and 'not having' will be a thing of the past.

Similarly, the Five of Pentacles suggests that you fear you don't have 'enough' or you may lose something important to you – even if it hasn't happened yet or is unlikely. For example, you may live in fear that you will lose your job and will be left in the streets with no home and no support. If you stay focused on all the negative things that might happen, then be careful, because your manifesting powers may start to create the outcomes that you don't want. Instead, redirect your attention to what you have now and what you want in the future, so your manifesting powers get used for good.

Career, Work and Finances

If you are looking for work, now may not be a good time due to economic circumstances. You may have to sacrifice your standard of living for a short time to make ends meet. And if you are looking to start a new business venture, again, now is not a good time as you are likely to suffer a loss.

In a financial reading, the Five of Pentacles nearly always indicates that you are suffering financial hardship and adversity. You may have had a recent loss of funds or have been living in a state of poverty for some time. Do not be afraid to ask for help or to receive some kinds of government-sponsored benefits while you are trying to get back on your feet. People are willing to help you.

Personality Types

Five of Pentacles personalities are typically pessimistic, focused on the negatives, isolated, withdrawn and down on their luck. They are often heard complaining about how little they have in their lives, whether on a material, spiritual or psychological level. You'll often hear them say, "I can't afford it" or "Poor me!"

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, then finding the right person for you might be a challenge. Your options have dried up, and there is not really much happening in your dating space. As a result, you may feel isolated and lonely during this time – just know that this will eventually pass. You may also be struggling financially, which means that you have less money for going out and meeting new people.

If you are in an established relationship, the Five of Pentacles suggests that recently your relationship has been in a rough patch and you have felt quite lonely and isolated. If so, have an open conversation. Perhaps your partner is hurting as much as you, and if you can show more care and compassion towards each other, it will significantly benefit the relationship. You may also be experiencing financial difficulties which are placing a significant strain on the bond.

Spirituality

In a spiritual reading, the Five of Pentacles indicates a spiritual emptiness or poverty occurring within you. Perhaps you have placed too much emphasis on your material wealth and have neglected your spiritual wealth and well-being. You may be struggling with your life direction, feeling isolated and shut out from the world. Now is an excellent time to reconnect with a spiritual group as they will care for and nurture you, restoring your spiritual balance.

Well-being and Health

If you have been feeling run down and tired and refusing to take care of yourself, ignoring your body and its needs, or have been abusing your body with drugs, alcohol or poor eating and exercise habits... see the Five of Pentacles as a warning. Restore your health, seek out medical attention and take care of yourself; otherwise, your health will continue in a downward spiral. Given its theme of isolation, the Five of Pentacles can reflect a contagious illness that quarantines you from others.

Journaling Prompts

- How is my fixation on scarcity holding me back?
- Who can I turn to for support?
- What is working well right now?

Suggested Card Combinations

Five of Pentacles + Hierophant – The church or another charitable institution may be able to help you if you need financial support.

Five of Pentacles + Devil – You have become overly materialistic and perhaps even involved in gambling or other risk-taking activities that have cost you a lot of money.

Five of Pentacles + Tower – You are experiencing some tough times as a result of a sudden, unexpected loss.

Five of Pentacles + Ten of Wands – You are struggling to make ends meet and may have taken on too many financial responsibilities and debts.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The Five of Pentacles reversed indicates an end to difficult times, particularly if you have recently suffered a major financial hit or job loss. You may find new sources of income, a new job, or someone has offered to help you out while you get back on your feet. You may be starting to feel as if life is worth living again and regaining your self-confidence. Finally, you can see a way out of your financial difficulties and your hope is renewed.

The reversed Five of Pentacles can sometimes illuminate the persistence of inner, spiritual poverty. You may feel as though something is missing or entirely out of place but are struggling to put your finger on what it might be. You may also feel isolated and alone, even in the company of many people. On deeper reflection, you may come to realise that you have placed too much emphasis on your material wealth and have neglected your spiritual well-being.

It may worry you that you don't have 'enough', especially when it comes to money and material possessions, and that you are not worthy because you are not wealthy. Perhaps you feel that you do not deserve expensive, luxury items, or that you cannot afford the things you truly want. You may worry that if you spend your money now, you won't have enough for later. Or perhaps you're spending your money on trivial things, leaving little left over for what you truly want. Either way, this negative cycle will only lead you to feel even more spiritually unfulfilled and 'empty'. How might you break out of it?

If you find your fixation on material things is causing harm to your spirit and your mindset, then it's time to stop. Even if you have just a few cents to your name, you may still have a loving family or a beating heart. Yes, things may suck right now, but if you hear this poverty mindset coming through in your thoughts, pause for a moment and ask yourself whether "I can't afford it" is the truth or a limiting belief. Trust that the Universe is here to support you financially, especially when you are following your calling and your soul purpose. When you truly value something, you'll make it happen.

Suggested Card Combinations

Five of Pentacles reversed + Star – After a period of financial hardship, your hope has been renewed, and you are ready to make the positive changes you need in your life.

Five of Pentacles reversed + Six of Pentacles – A charitable organisation or individual is willing to help you out to ease the financial strain in your life.

Five of Pentacles reversed + Seven of Wands – You are standing up to opposing forces which may have previously ostracised or excluded you.

SIX OF PENTACLES

KEYWORDS

Upright: Giving, receiving, sharing wealth, generosity, charity.

Reversed: Self-care, unpaid debts, one-sided charity.

QUOTES

"If you have much, give of your wealth; if you have little, give of your heart." – Arabian proverb

"There is a wonderful mythical law of nature that the three things we crave most in life—happiness, freedom, and peace of mind—are always attained by giving them to someone else." – Peyton Conway (ex-US Army Chief of Staff)

"The purpose of human life is to serve and show compassion and the will to help others." – Albert Schweitzer (theologian and philosopher)

DESCRIPTION

The Six of Pentacles shows a wealthy man dressed in a red robe, handing out coins to two beggars who kneel at his feet. In his left hand, he holds a balanced scale, representing fairness and equality. This card reflects a state of financial security and generosity, suggesting that you can generously use your wealth and abundance for the benefit of others. But it also speaks to receiving generosity and the feeling of relief that accompanies much-needed assistance. The Six of Pentacles is a card of giving and receiving. Sometimes, you are on the giving end; other times, you are on the receiving end. It's an ongoing cycle of life, and this card serves as a reminder that the balance can change at any time. Even if you are surrounded by wealth, there will be times when you need the help and support of others, so be generous with your resources, as you may need the support in the future.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

You may be like the wealthy man in this card, sharing your wealth and abundance with others. You have accumulated great wealth and are now in a position to offer financial assistance to those in need. You give generously through charitable donations, tithing or fundraising and enjoy the good feelings associated with helping others. Even if you are not financially wealthy, you offer up your time, energy, love and support to those who are in need, knowing it will be appreciated. Giving of your time or your wisdom is often just as spiritually fulfilling as giving away money or gifts, and the intangible gift of your presence is received just as well, if not better. There may be times when you wonder if you can truly afford to give generously to others – and the wise advice of the Six of Pentacles is to trust that every contribution you make is valued and will come back to you threefold.

You may also be inclined to make a loan to someone on the premise that they will eventually pay you back once they are back on their feet. This is a loan built on trust and good faith, knowing that if you give something away, it will come back to you. Remember, though, that this exchange is more about a short-term fix and not a sustainable solution. So, think about how you can financially support your family or friends in a way that encourages them towards self-sufficiency.

On the other hand, you may be on the receiving end of other people's generosity, accepting these gifts with gratitude. This will help you to get back on your feet and to eventually repay the charitable organisation or individual, either with your time or your restored wealth. You will also need to identify ways in which you can become more self-sufficient in the long run. The risk of accepting charity is that you become dependent on it and cannot look after yourself. Be mindful that you are not growing submissive or noticeably desperate as a result of the charity that someone else is providing you.

Finally, the Six of Pentacles is a card representing financial harmony. The amounts flowing in and out are in balance, and you are thankful for what you have and happy to share with others in need.

Career, Work and Finances

In a career reading, the Six of Pentacles suggests that you will come across someone who is willing to take a chance on you and give you an opportunity to develop your skills or expand your base of experience – perhaps a secondment, internship or volunteer assignment. This person is willing to coach and mentor you along the way to help you get where you want. Alternatively, you may get an opportunity to give back to the community through your work with a charitable organisation or a not-for-profit to help those in need.

You may be asking for a raise or trying to impress or please your boss to earn a reward, bonus or recognition. Do it with style and avoid coming across as desperate to please. If you are running your own business, you may be seeking out a loan from investors, or, on the flipside, you may be considering providing your services on a pro bono basis.

If the Six of Pentacles turns up in a financial reading, you need to be conscious of how much you rely on others to provide you with financial support. For example, you may be in a relationship where you are not working and are therefore entirely dependent on your partner's income. Look for ways to create greater financial independence. You may also be considering taking out a loan or accepting financial assistance from another party, or you may be the one providing a loan to a family member or close friend.

Personality Types

Six of Pentacles personalities are very generous, kind, compassionate and positive. They have very giving souls and enjoy being able to help others by volunteering their time or sharing their wealth. They can often be found in a soup kitchen helping the homeless, volunteering their time at the local school, or nurturing and supporting those in need.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, you may find that a friend or family member can help you find your perfect partner. They may offer to set you up on a blind date or introduce you to one of their single friends. Take them up on this opportunity! Even though you may feel as though you are being 'set up,' it could turn out to be a great way to meet someone special.

If you are in a relationship, the Six of Pentacles can suggest that one partner is dependent on the other to provide most of the money, love or energy for the relationship to keep going. Thus, this person sits in the driver's seat, while the other partner holds a passive role. The relationship is, therefore, unequal; however, both partners have mutually agreed to this arrangement to ensure stability.

If your relationship is struggling, then you may need to consider how you can give more or take less to retain a better balance within the relationship.

Spirituality

In a spiritual reading, the Six of Pentacles encourages you to share your spiritual knowledge with others. In doing so, you will further your understanding and development while also engaging with the insights of others. This card also points to that warm, fuzzy feeling you get when you go out of your way to help other people.

Well-being and Health

You may be spending a lot of money to ensure your health stays on track. For example, you may have signed up for a gym membership, or you are having a weekly massage to reduce stress. Alternatively, you may be the recipient of a gift or a grant that will help you to cover your health costs.

Journaling Prompts

- What can I give to others in need?
- How can I receive what I need?
- How can I create a healthy exchange of energy with others?

Suggested Card Combinations

Six of Pentacles + Magician – You are willing to share your skills and resources with others, without the expectation of any financial reward.

Six of Pentacles + Four of Cups – Someone may offer you financial assistance, but you want to think about it before accepting their offer.

Six of Pentacles + Five of Pentacles – You have suffered a significant financial loss, and now someone is offering to help you with financial assistance or a loan.

Six of Pentacles + Ten of Pentacles – You have accumulated significant wealth which you are now happy to share with others in need.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The Six of Pentacles reversed reminds you to make sure you are also giving to yourself. A little self-care will go a long way, especially if you have been in giving mode for a long time. Consider buying a little gift to show yourself appreciation for everything you've done; maybe a massage, a beautiful box of truffles, or simply write a love note to yourself to say 'Thanks for everything.'

The Six of Pentacles reversed can suggest that while you are giving to others freely, they are not giving back in return. For example, you may lend money to a friend, but they don't pay you back. Or you help someone out, but they fail to return the favour and show a lack of gratitude and appreciation. It's a one-way street, and you may feel as if they are taking advantage of you. While you can't change the other person's response or force them to repay the favour (or the money owed), you can learn from the experience and decline to help in

the future. Or, if you do decide to offer help again, suggest an alternative way to pay you back so there is still a healthy exchange of energy – perhaps they cook a meal for you or offer you a service in return.

If you are struggling yourself, be careful that you do not over-commit yourself to others who seek your help. You may have a tendency to spend or give away more than you can afford. While a generous spirit is a wonderful quality, you need to ensure that you are able to support yourself while helping others.

The Six of Pentacles reversed asks you to be mindful about taking on debt. You are prone to getting in over your head, and it may come back to bite you with increasing interest rates or personal threats if you are unable to pay it back in time.

An inverted Six of Pentacles sometimes reflects the selfish side of charity. Be careful that you are not trying to prove to others that you are generous because you can give to the poor or the needy. Aim to give selflessly rather than selfishly.

In a relationship reading, the reversed Six of Pentacles suggests that one partner is doing a lot of the taking but not a lot of the giving, thus creating inequality in the relationship. You need to be careful that your generous spirit is not being taken advantage of and that you are not always the one making compromises for your partner's benefit.

Suggested Card Combinations

Six of Pentacles reversed + Seven of Swords – Someone may be taking advantage of your generosity for their own selfish needs.

Six of Pentacles reversed + Ten of Wands – Your financial responsibilities are overwhelming, and you may struggle to repay your debts.

SEVEN OF PENTACLES

KEYWORDS

Upright: Long-term view, sustainable results, perseverance, investment.

Reversed: Lack of long-term vision, limited success or reward.

QUOTES

"Live your life each day as you would climb a mountain. An occasional glance toward the summit keeps the goal in mind but many beautiful scenes are to be observed from each new vantage point. Climb slowly, steadily, enjoying each passing moment; and the view from the summit will serve as a fitting climax for the journey." – Harold B.Melchart

"Progress however, of the best kind, is comparatively slow. Great results cannot be achieved at once; and we must be satisfied to advance in life as we walk, step by step." – Samuel Smiles (author)

"Before the reward there must be labour. You plant before you harvest. You sow in tears before you reap joy." – Ralph Ransom

DESCRIPTION

In the Seven of Pentacles, a man leans on his hoe, gazing down at his abundant crop. He has worked long and hard to nurture tiny seeds into this thriving garden and can now take a break to enjoy the fruits of his labour. Note the expression in his face, however: he also looks fatigued – even a little 'over it' – from having worked so hard for this successful harvest. Success comes from hard work and patience, but this card reminds you to take care not to overdo it and exhaust yourself.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Seven of Pentacles shows you understand the value of putting in time and energy now for longer-term rewards and have a strong desire to invest in sustainable results. You are not looking for quick wins. You also want to make sure you are putting your attention on the right areas instead of wasting time and effort on tasks that will not deliver any value. When this card appears in a Tarot reading, see it as an invitation to step back from the day-to-day operations and look at the bigger picture. Celebrate what you have created and assess your progress so far. Are you on track? Are you focused on the right tasks for your goal?

Similarly, if you are planning for the future, the Seven of Pentacles encourages you to take a long-term view and assess where you can best invest your time and energy for the maximum output. You do not want to keep putting your heart and soul into something if you won't reap the rewards for your work – and you have undoubtedly seen that some areas in your life are just energy-sappers.

If you have been working hard or putting the extra effort into something challenging and important for the last few months, the endeavour or project is near its culmination. Rest assured, your hard work will pay off. You are likely to see financial or other tangible rewards for all of your hard work.

Sometimes, however, the Seven of Pentacles can indicate frustration with slow results. You have been labouring away at something important, and you may feel concerned that your efforts will go unrewarded. Be patient and appreciate the progress you have made so far. If your work has not yet paid off as planned, remember that your expectations may be unreasonable. There are no guarantees. Be grateful, focus on the present and do what you can with what you have.

Career, Work and Finances

In a career reading, the Seven of Pentacles suggests you are investing in long-term commitments to improve your career opportunities. You may be engaged in further education that will take years to complete; perhaps you joined a graduate or internship program or started at an entry level with the view that you will work hard and progress through the organisation. You are willing to put in the time and effort now to reap the rewards later.

Concerning your career aspirations, you need work that gives you a sense of responsibility. You may be interested in building a business yourself from the ground up or pursuing a concept that will bear fruit later on. It may take a few years to get established, but you will be much more satisfied with something you've built yourself than continuing on with various unfulfilling jobs.

If you are already in an established career or business, the Seven of Pentacles heralds profit

and growth, especially if you worked hard to get to where you are. Now may also be an excellent time to engage in long-range planning for the next five to ten years to make sure you are clear about your goals and how to reach them.

In a financial reading, the Seven of Pentacles asks you to save for a rainy day. You may need to ensure your financial savings are in good shape and that you have sufficient funds for your longer-term living needs. You may also need to invest in long-term planning intended to set you up well for the future, such as having a three-to-five-year plan and knowing where you will spend your time and energy. You may also see your long-term investments begin to pay higher dividends after a long period of steady growth.

Personality Types

The Seven of Pentacles personality represents someone willing to put in the effort over time if it carries the promise of seeing long-term results. There may still be times, though, when he gets frustrated with how long it takes to see any results, but he is adept at managing his frustrations and rationalising the situation. This personality type is skilled at making long-term investments, particularly in a financial sense. He is more likely to view life on a three-to-five-year scale than day by day.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, the upright Seven of Pentacles is a positive sign that you are indeed on the path to finding the right relationship, but it may take a little longer than you expect. New relationships may take longer to develop, or you may need to have patience as you search for a potential partner who matches your criteria. Trust that every step you take will lead you closer and closer to the relationship you truly desire. The wonderful thing about being single is that you get to meet different people who seem to teach you many things about yourself. They may not be perfect matches or even particularly attractive or romantic people, but they will be an essential part of your journey towards the ultimate relationship. Know you are heading in the right direction!

If you are in an established relationship, the Seven of Pentacles suggests you see your partner as someone who is most definitely worth your time and energy. You see a lot of potential and promise in your partner and know the more time you spend together the more value you will get out of this relationship. You also understand the relationship itself is on a journey, and you must put the effort in now to reap the rewards later. Both of you want to create a sustainable and long-term relationship, knowing it will take time, focus and energy to establish itself. You are both willing to invest that time together to make sure you create a solid foundation for a relationship that will stand the test of time.

If your relationship is struggling, the Seven of Pentacles is an assurance that you and your partner still have enough energy left to keep investing in this relationship to watch it grow. You accept that not all relationships are easy and take time to build and develop, so you

are prepared to keep trying. The key is to remain patient in the short term, knowing you are working towards a longer-term goal.

Spirituality

The Seven of Pentacles in a spiritual reading indicates you are willing to invest in your spiritual development over the long term. You are not looking for quick wins or spiritual fads. Instead, you are committed to putting in the effort now for greater spiritual enlightenment later. You recognise that enlightenment cannot be achieved in a matter of days, weeks, months or even years. You understand it takes a full lifetime to attain enlightenment – and perhaps even longer!

Well-being and Health

In a health reading, the Seven of Pentacles reflects that you can finally see the results of your hard work. You may have been following a specific diet or exercise plan and are now seeing improved fitness or more rapid weight loss. If you are still contemplating whether the effort is worth it, know that improvement takes time and the best time to start is now. Focus on long-term and sustainable goals – no trying to lose ten kilos in ten days!

Journaling Prompts

- Am I investing my time and energy into the right activities?
- Am I progressing towards my goals?
- What actions can I take to ensure my long-term success?

Suggested Card Combinations

Seven of Pentacles + Chariot – Your determination and willpower will help you achieve your long-term goals.

Seven of Pentacles + Justice – You are evaluating and assessing your progress to date and deciding your future course.

Seven of Pentacles + Star – A considerable amount of personal benefit and wisdom can be achieved by persevering with your long-term goals.

Seven of Pentacles + Seven of Cups – You may be prone to engaging in a lot of daydreaming about the future but taking little action. Examine your current activities to ensure you are still on track to achieve your goals.

Seven of Pentacles + Seven of Wands – Keep trying, even when you run into setbacks, challenges or opposition. It will pay off.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

An inverted Seven of Pentacles suggests your efforts may be scattered at this time and you are questioning whether you are investing in the right areas. You may outlay some initial money on things that will not produce 'fruit'. Or, what you thought would make you happy is creating stress and anxiety and isn't worth the effort. Examine where you are investing your time, energy and resources and make sure you are satisfied with your current progress and receiving a return on those investments. Use a prioritisation system to ensure you do not waste precious resources on areas that will not deliver results.

Similarly, the reversed Seven of Pentacles suggests that even though you may continue to invest a lot of energy into a specific situation, you may not reap the rewards you are looking for. As such, this card calls on you to prioritise your activities carefully. You need to do a cost-benefit analysis of the major tasks involved to bring your project to fruition, as some are taking a lot of your time and energy without bearing the rewards you are seeking. For example, email and meetings are colossal time wasters if not used effectively. Take stock of what you still need to do to get where you want to be. Apply your focus.

As a critical strength, the reversed Seven of Pentacles can show that you know when to stop investing in something when you see little return. Some people are inclined to keep 'toughing it out', just because they spent time, energy or money and don't want to admit defeat. However, you are adept at identifying when a situation is no longer delivering you any value and know when to pack it in and try something else.

In a relationship reading, the reversed Seven of Pentacles indicates you have been working very hard on laying the foundations for your relationship but now worry that you will lose all of it. You may also feel frustrated that the relationship is not progressing or growing as quickly as you had hoped, especially when you put in so much time and energy. Sometimes you can pour your heart and soul into something that comes with no guarantees. You may come to the realisation that this relationship just is not worth your time, no matter how much you try.

Suggested Card Combinations

Seven of Pentacles reversed + Wheel of Fortune reversed – A run of bad luck means a setback as your long-term investments are not delivering the value you expected.

Seven of Pentacles reversed + Eight of Cups – You recognise that you need to walk away from an emotional investment that is not progressing as you had hoped.

Seven of Pentacles reversed + Two of Wands reversed – You are struggling to see results for your actions due to a lack of a clear, long-term plan and vision for the future.

EIGHT OF PENTACLES

KEYWORDS

Upright: Apprenticeship, repetitive tasks, mastery, skill development.

Reversed: Self-development, perfectionism, misdirected activity.

QUOTES

"Try to pick a profession in which you enjoy even the most mundane, tedious parts. Then you will always be happy." – Will Shortz (puzzle guru)

"Quality is never an accident; it is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction and skilful execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives." – William A. Foster (US marine)

"It is the little things that make the big things possible. Only close attention to the fine details of any operation makes the operation first class." – J. Willard Marriott (founder of Marriot Hotels)

DESCRIPTION

The Eight of Pentacles shows a young man labouring over eight coins, carefully etching a pentacle shape into each one. A small town sits in the background, illustrating how he has separated himself from the distractions of home so he can fully dedicate himself to the task at hand. He is concentrating hard, eager to do a good job and avoid any mistakes. His skills improve as he creates each coin, marking his development into a master craftsman.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Eight of Pentacles is a card of apprenticeship and mastery. When this card appears in a Tarot reading, you are working hard to master what you do and may have recently changed your work, education or financial circumstances to work on this new skill. You are diligent and hardworking, and you are applying yourself fully to whatever is at the centre of your attention. As you do the same task over and over, you'll work your way towards mastery of your craft, and through your perseverance and unwavering focus, you will forge your success.

The Eight of Pentacles may indicate a need for further education or study to hone your skills. You may already be proficient in a particular skill set but are now seeking to master those skills. For example, you may be a great home cook, but now want to focus on fine French cuisine. Or perhaps you have learnt the basics of Tarot reading, but now you want to become an expert! You know your goal requires a lot of study, but you are willing to work hard and to pay attention to the details. You understand that you will not learn these advanced skills overnight.

More broadly, the Eight of Pentacles suggests you are working away at the finer details of your life to continually improve your situation. You may be unhappy with your current state and know you need to make some crucial changes to increase your overall satisfaction. This card is a positive sign of your commitment to making those changes. Tap into the hardworking and conscientious energy present in your life.

The Eight of Pentacles encourages you to keep doing what you are doing, as it will eventually lead to success. As each day passes, you get a little closer to your goal and, while it may not be as noticeable as you may like, the unfolding events will lead you to the right path. Continue working on yourself, too, and make ongoing improvements and adjustments to ensure that you are the best person you can be.

If you encounter this card and are not engaged in the active pursuit of your goals, ask yourself what you could learn or create to better yourself or your circumstances. If you are learning something new, see the Eight of Pentacles as reassurance that the energy you invest in your development will be worth your while. Stick with it!

Career, Work and Finances

In a career reading, the Eight of Pentacles shows you are a diligent and conscientious worker. Once engaged in your work, you fully apply yourself and produce excellent results. You know the right environment will lead to success and aspire to a job or a business where you can fully utilise and further develop your skills and knowledge to reach your maximum potential.

You may be engaged in (or about to join) further education and study to improve your skills and expertise in a particular field. The course may take a few years, but you have no

qualms about investing in your education. As you study, you will undoubtedly focus on your assignments, spending time and energy to ensure that you earn the best grades possible. The more awards and high grades you can get for your résumé, the better! It will show potential employers you are a high achiever who's ready to work hard, so keep this up! If you are working, you will find many opportunities to step into more challenging roles that genuinely leverage your abilities and knowledge.

If you are looking for work, the Eight of Pentacles suggests that you need to be diligent in your search and ensure that you go into your interviews with a full understanding of the company you are applying for and the industry at large. You may need to prove to your prospective employer that you are willing to learn on the job and pursue further education. It's never too early to demonstrate that you are a hard worker and conscientious.

Financially, you may need to be satisfied with a 'training' salary for the time being while you improve your skills. Know that you are investing in your long-term future, and soon you will acquire the skills that will enable a higher salary. If you are working on your financial budgets, then pay attention to the details and make sure you are aware of all your income and expenditures.

Personality Types

The Eight of Pentacles personality type represents someone who is patient, studious, diligent, hardworking, conscientious, focused and dedicated. She is someone who is willing to invest a lot of time and effort into perfecting her skills, with the view to become an expert. This person makes an excellent employee, as she will focus on getting the details right and ensure that the work is completed to the highest of standards. At times, Eight of Pentacles personalities may be overly perfectionistic as a result of their detail-orientation.

Relationships and Love

With the Eight of Pentacles, you are dedicated to improving your relationships and want your relationships working well. It may be that you devote more time to your loved ones, or it may even be that you seek professional guidance to continually improve your connections with others. You aren't afraid to put in the work.

If you are looking for love, you may invest your time into ongoing self-improvement and further educate yourself around how to give and receive love. You firmly believe that finding the right relationship takes preparation. You are also committed to doing whatever you can along the way to find the right partner and will not give up.

If you are in a committed relationship, the Eight of Pentacles is a positive sign you are working diligently to ensure that this relationship is successful in the long term. You are both committed and know what you need to do. The relationship is on the right path. Just have faith!

Spirituality

Spiritually, the Eight of Pentacles shows you working hard on something you have been dedicated to for a while. You see your spiritual path as a lifetime journey, which you are slowly but surely working through. The Eight of Pentacles is a good sign to keep doing what you are doing and allow yourself time to focus on this area of your life. You may also want to engage in further spiritual study.

Well-being and Health

Here, the Eight of Pentacles asks you to focus on getting the details right. It may mean sticking to a highly specific diet, exercise or health treatment plan likely to get you feeling better. This card also pertains to education, so you may even benefit from attending a course or doing more research on your specific health issue.

Journaling Prompts

- How can I sharpen my skills?
- What can I do to master my craft?
- Where does my dedicated attention belong right now?

Suggested Card Combinations

Eight of Pentacles + Lovers – You have committed to improving your relationship and are willing to work hard to save the special connection you share.

Eight of Pentacles + Chariot – You are showing incredible focus and determination in your work and studies that will lead to overall success.

Eight of Pentacles + Strength – By engaging in further education and improving your skills, you are becoming a much stronger person. Your studies may also centre on self-improvement rather than externally focused skills.

Eight of Pentacles + Hermit – You are engaged in a solitary study, likely to be of a spiritual nature.

Eight of Pentacles + Six of Wands – You will receive public recognition for your studies or your work.

Eight of Pentacles + Nine of Wands – Persevere at your studies and work, even if the journey is difficult.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The reversed Eight of Pentacles can appear in a Tarot reading when you are focused on self-improvement and personal development. You are highly disciplined and dedicated to becoming the best version of yourself. You may even have specific 'practices', such as recalling three things you're most grateful for before you go to sleep at night, and are content to perform these routines over and over until you see results.

Alternatively, the Eight of Pentacles reversed may indicate that you are engrossed in creating perfection, but to your detriment. When you focus on every tiny detail, you lose sight of the bigger picture and why you're doing the task in the first place. Is your need for perfection getting in the way of your ability to adapt and change? And what if your circumstances change? Can you adjust, or does it throw you into a tailspin?

The reversed Eight of Pentacles can also signify stagnation. It suggests that you are working hard on a project, but to no avail, leaving you feeling frustrated by the lack of progress. You may lack the skills and talent necessary to be successful here, and it just isn't for you. Or you might be keeping yourself busy with small tasks, but struggling to make progress towards your bigger goals. Take a step back and assess whether you are indeed focused on the right things. Do you need to shift your focus back to your broader goals?

Suggested Card Combinations

Eight of Pentacles reversed + Four of Cups – You lack interest and engagement in your current activities. It may be time to change direction.

Eight of Pentacles reversed + Seven of Cups – You are becoming lazy and lacking drive and ambition.

Eight of Pentacles reversed + Four of Pentacles – You feel reluctant to change your ways, particularly if they have brought you certainty and security in the past. However, change is imminent, and you are only creating barriers for yourself by resisting it.

NINE OF PENTACLES

KEYWORDS

Upright: Abundance, luxury, self-sufficiency, financial independence.

Reversed: Self-worth, over-investment in work, hustling.

QUOTES

"Both abundance and lack exist simultaneously in our lives, as parallel realities. It is always our conscious choice which secret garden we will tend.... When we choose not to focus on what is missing from our lives but are grateful for the abundance that's present—love, health, family, friends, work, the joys of nature, and personal pursuits that bring us pleasure—the wasteland of illusion falls away and we experience heaven on earth." – Sarah Ban Breathnach (author)

"Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace, and gratitude." – Denis Waitley (motivational speaker and writer)

"Always accept good fortune with grace and humility." – Mark L. Mika

DESCRIPTION

The Nine of Pentacles shows a well-dressed woman standing in a beautiful garden. She wears a flowing, golden robe and a red beret, signs of her wealth and social status. The vines behind her are heavy with grapes and golden coins, representing the fruitful accomplishment of all her desires. Her right hand rests upon one of the many coins, and her fingers wrap around the purple grapes on the vine, symbolising her healthy relationship with money. She can enjoy the fruits of her labours without overdoing it. A hooded falcon sits calmly on her left hand, signifying the woman's intellectual and spiritual self-control. Far in the background is a large house, presumably belonging to the woman herself, a further signal of her abounding

wealth and financial plenty.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

You have worked hard to create abundance in your life, and the Nine of Pentacles says now you can finally enjoy the fruits of your labour. Thanks to your independent efforts, self-confidence and discipline, you attained a well-deserved success and created a stable foundation for your material wealth and comfort. Now, sit back, relax and enjoy the luxuries and pleasures of the good life – money, leisure time, fun, material comfort and rest. You deserve it!

When the Nine of Pentacles appears in a Tarot reading, do not be scared to splurge, indulge or pamper yourself, especially as a reward for all of your hard work. Treat yourself to a special occasion or a personal gift to celebrate your journey here. You have already achieved so much, and while you may not be at the finish line just yet, this is your opportunity to acknowledge your achievements and re-energise yourself for the final phase.

The Nine of Pentacles also speaks of financial independence. The woman in this card has created a luxurious lifestyle by her own actions and efforts. She encourages you to do the same – to create abundance and independence so that you can take care of yourself in the long-term. Invest wisely and seek financial advice to make the most of your wealth. Don't rely on others to support you; this Nine is an independent woman.

While the suit of Pentacles typically focuses on material wealth and gain, this card also suggests that you are in harmony with the environment around you. You appreciate the beauty and abundance found in nature, and you can harness this high-vibe energy to bring pleasure into your life. You may enjoy gardening or floristry, or you may just like to pass your time in the beauty of nature with picnics or walks in the park.

Career, Work and Finances

If you are looking for work, the Nine of Pentacles is a positive sign that you will soon find the right job for you, promising a decent income and a fulfilling career. You will achieve everything you want to, particularly on a material level, and you will afford to do all the things you love doing without having to compromise.

The Nine of Pentacles can also indicate that you will enjoy a higher status in your work. For example, increased business travel may mean you stay at fancy hotels or get to dine at expensive restaurants. You may have reached a level of seniority where you now get your own office or car park—something a bit special compared to others at your organisation.

Concerning your career path, the Nine of Pentacles can reflect home-based work that you do on your own or starting up your own business. It speaks to being self-made and succeeding from your hard work and effort.

Financially, this card comes as a blessing. You have created abundant wealth and financial independence. You can enjoy a luxurious lifestyle while also managing your money in the long-term.

Personality Types

The Nine of Pentacles personality is typically a self-made, independent and successful individual who is now in a position where she can enjoy the wealth she earned. This person is likely to be very beautiful and refined, enjoying life's luxuries such as fine dining, wine, beauty treatments, travel, and expensive cars. She is graceful, diplomatic, tactful and well-mannered, and rarely engages in rude or inappropriate behaviour.

Relationships and Love

The Nine of Pentacles urges you to hold high respect for yourself. You are an intelligent and gorgeous being, and you know you deserve the best in your relationships. So, if you are looking for love, stay focused on finding someone who will appreciate you for who you are and who will only give you the best. Do not settle for someone just because they are available. You deserve a wonderful relationship built on mutual love and appreciation. Alternatively, you may have reached a point where you feel truly satisfied with yourself, and you have become independent and free from the worries of whether or not you will be in a relationship soon. You enjoy your own company, strength and ability to live on your own. You can also see the distinct benefits of remaining on your own as an independent person.

In an established relationship, the Nine of Pentacles can suggest that your partner is treating you like a queen or king with romantic dinners, luxurious dates and fabulous gifts. If this is not yet part of the relationship, then make sure you give your partner more attention and treat him or her to something special. Enjoy each other's company and share in the abundance you two created through your partnership.

Spirituality

In a spiritual reading, the Nine of Pentacles asks you to focus on creating a fabulous life – the life you have always wanted for yourself! You are no longer giving your power to others; you have taken your personal power back and are making a successful life for yourself, regardless of what others may say or do. You also learned to appreciate the beauty that surrounds you and to be thankful for your blessings.

Well-being and Health

The Nine of Pentacles indicates that you are full of vitality and optimistic about the future. You are happy to spend a little extra on health and well-being to ensure a high level of care.

Journaling Prompts

- How can I enjoy the fruits of my labour?
- How can I create financial independence?
- Where is abundance present in my life right now?

Suggested Card Combinations

Nine of Pentacles + Empress – You are enjoying a beautiful, sensual lifestyle filled with art, beauty and nature.

Nine of Pentacles + Chariot – You are exercising great self-control and discipline to reach your goal.

Nine of Pentacles + Hermit – You are enjoying an independent yet wealthy lifestyle, perhaps as a spinster or sole business owner.

Nine of Pentacles + Three of Cups – Celebrate with friends and revel in a luxurious lifestyle with your closest companions.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The reversed Nine of Pentacles is all about self-worth. When you see this card in a Tarot reading, take the opportunity to reflect on your own sense of self-worth and value.

On the one hand, you may question whether you are 'enough' – whether your skills are valuable, whether you can charge higher prices or ask for a pay raise, or whether you can attract the right people into your life. You may be under-charging for your services, working for free or accepting a lower salary than you should. Know that you deserve to be wealthy in all facets of the word.

On the other hand, you may focus on increasing your sense of self-worth. Invest in yourself – get a wardrobe makeover, learn a new skill to enhance your career or take a personal development course. Practice self-love. Even if you are reluctant to spend money on yourself, know you can indulge in life's luxuries, particularly if it makes you feel good and 'worth it'. You ARE enough. You are more than enough. You are AMAZING!

Sometimes, the reversed Nine of Pentacles can appear when you are so busy working and hustling that you have no time or energy to enjoy the fruits of your labour. For example, in an effort to build wealth, you may work 70-hour weeks with no time for breaks, missing out on the opportunity to enjoy the riches you're creating. Know where the limit is with wealth creation – at some point, you need to stop and smell the luxurious bouquet of long-stemmed roses. Remember what is truly important to you. Now may be a good time to retreat to a natural setting (a forest, beach, mountain or lake) to restore your energies and rejuvenate yourself.

Similarly, the reversed Nine of Pentacles suggests that you may need to release some of your need for a particular income or standard of living, especially if it gets in the way of other life priorities such as family or relationships. You may think you need the best of everything but, really, all you need is your family and loved ones around you. Do not be afraid to take a cut to your income for a short time or to reduce your hours at work... even if this means you have to eat rice and beans each night for a week to make up for it! It is vital that you focus on what is most important to you. Finances may need to come second, and while you need to at least put food on the table, there may be areas where you can cut back and reduce your dependence on material wealth.

Suggested Card Combinations

Nine of Pentacles reversed + Star – You need to focus less on material wealth and more on spiritual wealth and transformation.

Nine of Pentacles reversed + Four of Pentacles – Loosen your grip on the need for material wealth and possessions.

TEN OF PENTACLES

KEYWORDS

Upright: Wealth, financial security, family, long-term success, contribution.

Reversed: The dark side of wealth, financial failure or loss.

QUOTES

"When a man has done his best, has given his all, and in the process supplied the needs of his family and his society, that man has made a habit of succeeding." – Mack R. Douglas (author and speaker)

"Always reward your long hours of labour and toil in the very best way, surrounded by your family. Nurture their love carefully, remembering that your children need models, not critics, and your own progress will hasten when you constantly strive to present your best side to your children. And even if you have failed at all else in the eyes of the world, if you have a loving family, you are a success." – Og Mandino (author)

"I believe the recipe for happiness to be just enough money to pay the monthly bills you acquire, a little surplus to give you confidence, a little too much work each day, enthusiasm for your work, a substantial share of good health, a couple of real friends and a wife and children to share life's beauty with you." – J. Kenfield Morley

DESCRIPTION

The Ten of Pentacles shows an old, white-haired man wearing an ornately embroidered robe, sitting with his two loyal white dogs at his feet. A younger couple stands nearby with a small child. The man is a wealthy patriarch who has achieved a great deal during his life and is immensely gratified that he can now share his wealth and abundance with his loved ones. His successes and accomplishments are now providing financial security and certainty to his family. He can already see the legacy he has created.

The man and his family gather in the courtyard of a large castle, marking their prosperity, comfort and financial security. On the archway are family emblems and flags, a symbol of their history and ancestry. Their wealth goes way beyond material comfort; the man and his family have a deeply rooted connection to their lineage, home and community.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Ten of Pentacles is a positive sign that you have reached a point of completion and accomplishment in your journey. As a Pentacles card, this sense of accomplishment is likely to be the result of a successful career path, smart financial investments, a stable home environment and a possible committed and long-term relationship. You have accumulated wealth and abundance through your hard work and dedication and can now relish sharing this wealth with others. This is one of those cards that promise everything will eventually come together and you will be proud of everything you achieved.

When the Ten of Pentacles appears in a Tarot reading, you are surrounded by wealth and blessed with financial abundance. There is no 'wanting' for any more; you have everything you need, especially within the material realm. You are financially secure and trust that, because of your personal successes and accomplishments, you will always have what you need and desire. You express sincere gratitude for fulfilling your material goals and dreams.

This card reflects permanence and creating a lasting foundation for future success. It is a card of commitment to a sustainable future, taking into consideration not just the short-term gains of a particular venture but also the long-term benefits. A consistent approach will achieve success that will last the test of time.

The Ten of Pentacles indicates that you feel compelled to share your success with others to make sure they are well cared for, too. You worked hard to get here, and now you can see the bigger impact your accomplishments have on others. You are the 'provider' or the breadwinner, bringing financial security and stability to your family, ensuring they have everything they need to live a happy and comfortable life. And it brings you deep joy and satisfaction to see your loved ones enjoying your wealth and abundance.

The Ten of Pentacles is also a sign that family is very important to you. Being surrounded by the people you love and who share your DNA and ancestry brings you great joy and happiness. You know you can trust your family whole-heartedly and they will be there for you, no matter what. Your home life is happy, and you can provide your family with the security they need. You are also strongly connected to your family history and heritage, a part of the long lineage that goes before you. It represents tradition, being a part of something bigger and realising that the blood of your ancestors flows through your veins.

Career, Work and Finances

In a career reading, the Ten of Pentacles indicates that you are a highly successful and accomplished professional who has created financial security and wealth through your work. From a numerology perspective, the Ten represents the final stage where everything has fallen into line, and you feel as though you have accomplished your goals. You have reached a pinnacle in your career and can now share your success with others. Your colleagues respect and admire you, and your loved ones appreciate your contribution to their well-being. You are the breadwinner and the provider, creating financial security and a comfortable lifestyle for your family.

If you are looking for work or wish to improve your situation, the Ten of Pentacles suggests that you are seeking a well-established career path where you can be successful and create the financial security you need to build a stable lifestyle. You want to provide for yourself and others by landing a job that provides long-term certainty and a decent income. This Ten speaks of family, showing that you want to be part of something bigger in your career and connect to those with whom you work.

At times, the Ten of Pentacles may indicate retirement or a significant payout in recognition of your hard work and achievement. You can now draw upon this financial reserve to live a comfortable lifestyle.

Financially, expect wealth and abundance from your long-term commitment to work or a particular business venture or investment. Money should flow better than it has been, bringing you more than enough to meet your needs. Invest in your future and save some of what is coming in now.

Personality Types

The Ten of Pentacles personality represents someone who is highly successful, widely respected, and surrounded by wealth and abundance. He believes in long-term, sustainable success (not just short-term gain) and has committed to putting in the work to accomplish his goals. The Ten of Pentacles personality is eager to share profit and wealth with others, deriving a deep sense of pleasure by being able to contribute to the well-being of a loved one. This personality also has strong family values and respects and honours tradition, heritage and convention. He believes in the structure of family and will place a high priority in ensuring family needs are met. He is also mature enough to commit to a long-term relationship, investment, career or venture, knowing the commitment will bring wealth on many levels.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, the Ten of Pentacles suggests that you want a committed, long-term relationship in which you can feel secure and confident. This card often reflects marriage, so

you are hopeful about finding a potential spouse with whom you can create a special, long-lasting union. While you desire a husband, wife or long-term partner, you need to allow for new relationships to evolve and develop at their own pace. Try to be a little more flexible with your expectations, particularly in the early stages of meeting someone new.

In an established relationship, the Ten of Pentacles is indicative of a long-term commitment, perhaps through marriage, buying a house together, living together, starting a family or making a verbal commitment to your relationship. It represents a sense of completion in love, knowing you have brought together all of your inner reserves to create something special.

Spirituality

In a spiritual reading, the Ten of Pentacles speaks of peace, joy and prosperity. Not only are you able to enjoy wealth and abundance on a material level, but you can also enjoy them on a spiritual level. You gained enough maturity along your journey to know how to make the best use of your accomplishments and to share them with others. You are no longer materialistic or selfish, but you are ready to spread your spiritual wealth.

Well-being and Health

The Ten of Pentacles says your health is in good condition. However, if you are experiencing health issues, look to your family history for any patterns you should be aware of that may impact your own wellbeing.

Journaling Prompts

- How can I contribute to my family?
- How am I surrounded by wealth and abundance?
- What family traditions do I honour?

Suggested Card Combinations

Ten of Pentacles + Emperor – As the breadwinner for the household, you can provide for others while also 'ruling the roost.'

Ten of Pentacles + Lovers – A possible marriage or long-term romantic commitment.

Ten of Pentacles + Four of Pentacles – You are conserving your funds for a rainy day.

Ten of Pentacles + Six of Pentacles – You may want to give a lot of your wealth and material abundance to charity, knowing you already have enough to support yourself and your family.

Ten of Pentacles + Four of Swords – You may enter a period of retirement or a career break with some substantial financial reserves behind you.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

Upright the Ten of Pentacles is about wealth accumulation, an established family and home life, and attainment in the material realm. Reversed, you may question whether you want to live this way. Do you really want to be chasing the next $1,000 so you can own the latest Jimmy Choo shoes? Do you really want to be pushing for marriage or a family instead of just enjoying what you have right now? Are you staying in the same job for decades only for the security? When you see the reversed Ten of Pentacles in a Tarot reading, be ready to question your need for stability, security and commitment in your life. It may sound good on paper or might be what is expected of you – but is it what YOU want?

The reversed Ten of Pentacles comes as a reminder that sometimes, wealth can be a trap. When you surround yourself with expensive things and live a luxurious lifestyle, you may want more and more and more, never feeling satisfied with what you have. For example, you splurge and fly business class, only to realise you can never fly economy again. Or you buy a bigger house that looks like a resort, only to realise you now need to pay for added maintenance and cleaning to keep it in its pristine state. You may find you burn through your financial reserves as you desperately try to support this higher standard of living and are unwilling to 'downgrade' even if your cashflow diminishes. Your feelings of self-worth may be inadvertently wrapped up in your wealth; if so, it's time to unravel that connection and see that you can still live a happy and fulfilling life, even without the Louboutins and resort-style home.

The Ten of Pentacles reversed may show that you are experiencing challenges or setbacks with financial or job security and family stability. Your investments may have lost significant value, your marriage may be on the rocks, or your job may be at risk. It is time to re-evaluate your position and choose a course of action that will help you regain your sense of security and self-worth.

Suggested Card Combinations

Ten of Pentacles reversed + Hermit – You are leaving behind a wealthy lifestyle to live a simpler life.

Ten of Pentacles reversed + Two of Cups reversed – A relationship has come to an end, possibly due to a fear of commitment.

Ten of Pentacles reversed + Five of Pentacles – Your lifestyle is leaving a hole in your wallet.

Ten of Pentacles reversed + Seven of Pentacles reversed – A long-term investment or business venture has failed to come to fruition, and now you may be losing money at a rapid rate.

PAGE OF PENTACLES

KEYWORDS

Upright: Manifestation, financial opportunity, skill development.

Reversed: Lack of progress, procrastination, learn from failure.

QUOTES

"Write it down. Written goals have a way of transforming wishes into wants; cant's into cans; dreams into plans; and plans into reality. Do not just think it—ink it!" – Author Unknown

"First, have a definite, clear practical ideal; a goal, an objective. Second, have the necessary means to achieve your ends; wisdom, money, materials, and methods. Third, adjust all your means to that end." – Aristotle

"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." – Walt Disney

DESCRIPTION

The Page of Pentacles depicts a young man standing in a grassy field of blooming flowers. In the distance behind him is a small patch of trees and a newly ploughed field, promising an abundant harvest. The mountain range in the horizon signifies the upcoming challenges and obstacles the Page must surmount along his journey. The Page holds a gold coin in his hand and examines it carefully, as if to discover how to manifest even more gold and abundance.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Page of Pentacles, like the Pages of all four Tarot suits, brings a welcome message of new beginnings, inspiration and the initial stages of a creative project or venture. Since Pentacles rule the material realm and correspond to the element of earth, this Page symbolises a burgeoning awareness of the value of money, wealth, possessions, career, and physical health, and how to manifest more of these material blessings. You welcome new opportunities to your material life – a new job, a new business, or a financial windfall – and wish to discover how to turn your dreams into reality.

When the Page of Pentacles appears in a Tarot reading, you are tapping into your ability to manifest a personal goal or dream and may be in the midst of a new project such as a hobby, business venture, or the start of a new educational experience. You are excited about the possibilities and potential of what you put your mind to, knowing you can create whatever you want with focused intention and action.

That said, this Page does not specify the fulfilment of dreams as much as the initial motivation and energy to begin the process of turning those dreams to reality. You need to put in place clear plans for achieving your dreams and goals. Stay focused on the practical and tangible elements, keeping your feet planted on the ground and not getting carried away, always looking for the next realistic and achievable step forward. Your common sense and a pragmatic approach will lead you to a solution that works.

In the quest to materialise his dreams, the Page of Pentacles is an avid student and seeks to learn the skills that will ensure his success in the long-term. The Page of Pentacles often appears when you are ready to up-level your skills and learn something new so you can manifest your dreams. See this card as an invitation to take a class, continue your education or start an apprenticeship. Even if you are already prosperous in your current field, the Page of Pentacles encourages you to try something new and discover another aspect of yourself. The more skills you bring to your portfolio, the more goals and dreams you can achieve.

The Page of Pentacles may show that you are considering a new business or entrepreneurial venture, or you are in the initial stages of setting up the company to be financially successful and abundant in the long-term. You might be new to this, but you have the enthusiasm, commitment, and devotedness to see the project through.

Career, Work and Finances

In a career reading, the Page of Pentacles sees you starting in a new field, industry or job where you feel as though you are back to square one, learning new skills and techniques for the job. You may also pursue a new line of study or engage in a new education experience that will expand your skill set.

If you are fresh out of university, take this card as a positive sign you will soon find a job that will leverage your skills and knowledge you have attained through your study.

If you are already in a stable job, the Page of Pentacles can indicate a new business project that will require you to plan ahead carefully and may require you to learn new skills along the way. Now is a good time to outline your specific job and career-related goals and to plan out the steps necessary to achieve them.

In a financial reading, the Page of Pentacles suggests that you are about to invest in a new venture or start your own business. The Page is a planning card, so do not expect to see financial rewards right away.

Personality Types

The Page of Pentacles personality typically represents a youthful and enthusiastic person eager to learn new skills (especially those pertaining to finance and money) and enjoys turning ideas into tangible results. He sees the opportunity and potential in every situation, and finds the best ways to exploit them using his available resources. In this sense, the Page of Pentacles personality is entrepreneurial and well-suited to the business world. However, he is still in the early stages of learning entrepreneurship and business and hasn't yet accomplished the results or success of the King or Queen.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, the Page of Pentacles suggests that you take a more practical and planned approach to meeting someone special. For example, you may have set yourself a goal of meeting someone by the end of the year, so to achieve that, begin by subscribing to several internet dating websites rather than merely waiting around for the right person. You are more inclined to plan out the steps required to find a relationship than give in to the romanticism of it all.

If you are in a relationship, the Page of Pentacles indicates that this is a relatively new relationship founded on tangible or practical elements instead of dreamy, lovey-dovey feelings. There may be a lot less romance from an emotional perspective, but you will have scheduled date nights, weekends away, and quality time together. You may even consider starting a new business venture together or engaging in a similar line of work.

This card also indicates that you are both pragmatic and keen to make the relationship work. The Page of Pentacles is quite an industrious card in this sense and shows great promise for the future as you are both committed to the relationship.

Spirituality

In a spiritual reading, the Page of Pentacles suggests that you are eager to learn more about a new spiritual way of thinking. You are keen to delve into the tangible aspects of a particular

religion or spirituality, such as specific rituals, practices, and techniques. You take a practical approach to your spiritual studies and are methodical in how you go about learning.

Well-being and Health

In a health reading, the Page of Pentacles encourages you to research and gather information about a specific health issue – especially if you are experiencing health troubles. Knowledge is power!

Journaling Prompts

- What new financial and business opportunities are available?
- What new skills can I develop?
- How can I turn my dreams into reality?

Suggested Card Combinations

Page of Pentacles + Chariot – You are highly dedicated to your learning, career and business pursuits, and this devotion will lead to success.

Page of Pentacles + Seven of Cups – Turn your dreams and ideas into reality through careful planning and action.

Page of Pentacles + Ace of Pentacles – The start of a successful new business venture.

Page of Pentacles + Page of Swords – You have advice others will pay for.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The Page of Pentacles reversed says you are exploring a new project or business idea, but you are not ready to move forward with it just yet. You may still be brainstorming ideas and would prefer to keep it a secret for now. Or, you may worry that you do not have the skills or resources for it to succeed, so you are putting the idea on hold or procrastinating. If the opportunity continues to present itself to you, and you want to move forward, trust that you have what you need now and the rest will develop as you progress.

The reversed Page of Pentacles can suggest that you are trying to get a specific project or idea off the ground, but each time you try, it seems to amount to nothing or takes you even further away from where you want to be. Maybe you have not planned sufficiently, you've lost sight of your original inspiration, or you are trying too hard. Give yourself some space and step away from the project for a short period so you can re-energise and re-focus before trying

again.

You may also be too busy daydreaming about new goals, without having taken any action on your original ones. So, you need to review your goals and think again about why you were initially motivated to achieve them. Imagine what it will be like once you accomplish that goal and re-commit to the actions required to make your dreams a reality.

Finally, the Page of Pentacles reversed invites you to learn from your past mistakes. Even if a situation has not worked out the way you expected it would, you can discover new aspects of yourself that might help in the future. If you are struggling to see where you may have gone wrong, ask yourself: "What can I learn from these experiences? And how can I avoid making the same mistakes again?" Be open-minded and curious, and trust that today's failures will lead to tomorrow's successes.

Suggested Card Combinations

Page of Pentacles reversed + Fool – You may go about your goals haphazardly or foolishly, leading to more failures than successes.

Page of Pentacles reversed + Seven of Wands – Constant opposition and setbacks are getting to you and preventing you from manifesting your dreams.

Page of Pentacles reversed + Nine of Swords – Your anxiety about whether you are taking the right steps to manifest your goals is getting in the way.

KNIGHT OF PENTACLES

KEYWORDS

Upright: Hard work, productivity, routine, conservatism.

Reversed: Self-discipline, boredom, feeling 'stuck', perfectionism.

QUOTES

"Effort only fully releases its reward after a person refuses to quit." – Napoleon Hill (motivational writer and speaker)

"Study the situation thoroughly, go over in your imagination the various courses of action possible to you and the consequences which can and may follow from each course. Pick out the course which gives the most promise and go ahead." – Maxwell Maltz (plastic surgeon and author)

"Thoroughness characterizes all successful men. Genius is the art of taking infinite pains. All great achievement has been characterized by extreme care, infinite painstaking, even to the minutest detail." – Elbert Hubbard (author and publisher)

DESCRIPTION

The Knight of Pentacles sits on a stationary draught horse, carefully looking at the gold coin held in his hand. He is in no hurry, preferring to assess and plan his path ahead before taking action. In the background, there is a broad field that has been laboriously ploughed row by row, symbolising that this Knight is ready and willing to do the work to realise his dreams, even if it is repetitive and dull.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Knight of Pentacles, like the Knights of the other suits, represents work, effort, and the responsibility that follows upon the dreams and ideals of the Page. This Knight is the most hard-working, methodical and detailed-oriented character of the Tarot deck. He may not be the most inspiring or creative Knight, but he'll do the work to get the results he seeks, even if that work is highly repetitive or routine.

When this card appears in a Tarot reading, you are working methodically towards your goals. You have a plan in place and are sticking to your schedule to get the job done. You may not work particularly quickly, but you are consistent, dedicated and committed to your goal. Put one foot in front of the other and finish the job. This card also asks you to continue doing what you are doing, plodding along and making gradual progress. No need to change your approach. Go with the flow, stick to your usual routines, and over time, you will reach your goals.

The Knight of Pentacles shows that you are a natural planner and implementer. You envision your goal, determine the best course of action, and then stick to your path with a methodical and relentless focus. When you are in 'implementation mode', the job will get done, even if it requires hard work along the way. Meticulous in your approach, you make sure that everything is planned and executed down to the tiniest detail. And you will never leave a job half done. It is essential to you that you complete all assigned tasks and projects to a certain standard and that you follow through on your promises.

Sometimes, the Knight of Pentacles points to the more mundane or boring aspects of life – the daily grind, repetitive schedules, household chores, and other responsibilities and obligations. You may be assigned a project or given a task to do, and you will have to commit your time to see that project through to the end successfully. With the Knight of Pentacles, you will be required to accept responsibility without any complaints or grudges.

The Knight of Pentacles suggests that you are taking a moderated and conservative approach to life right now, and while you may be feeling that change is imminent, you are sticking to your tried and tested ways of doing things. You have established that you need routine and careful planning if you are to achieve your goals. It may not necessarily be an exciting period, but at least you know you are on the right path. Even if you are growing tired and want to quit, this Knight invites you to keep at it, and you will eventually see success.

Career, Work and Finances

In a career reading, the Knight of Pentacles acknowledges your hard work on an assigned project or piece. You are in planning and execution mode, ensuring that you complete the task within the set timeframe and (at least) to the performance level expected. You are ready

to do what you are tasked to do and follow the protocols and organisational processes to ensure that it gets done right. Now is not the time to suggest doing things differently! You must work within existing systems and accomplish what people expect of you.

If you are looking for work, then the Knight of Pentacles suggests that you need to be methodical in your approach. For example, you may want to maintain a spreadsheet to keep track of your job applications. In your interviews, you need to present yourself as a 'worker bee,' someone who is willing to go the extra mile to do a great job, and who will do what is requested.

In a finance reading, the Knight of Pentacles suggests that you need to maintain a conservative and low-risk strategy for how you invest and spend your money. It is with hard work and dedication that you will slowly grow your financial reserves.

Personality Types

The Knight of Pentacles personality type is loyal, patient, committed, dedicated, and meticulous. His approach may be boring, conservative and routine. However, you can rely on him to get the job done at the standard you expect. He is very much about fulfilling obligations and keeping his promises. He is a dedicated worker and a loyal servant; when he says something will get done, it will. The Knight of Pentacles likes doing things the traditional way, especially when he knows it is tried and tested; however, this can impede creativity and imagination.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, the Knight of Pentacles is all about routine and sticking to the program in order to find your perfect partner. Thus, this card encourages you to keep plodding along and do what you are already doing. You are already on the right path and, with some patience and careful planning, you will soon find new love. The Knight of Pentacles may also indicate that this personality type is about to enter your life. He or she will be conservative but conscientious, practical and dedicated to growing the relationship. This person may not be as spontaneous as the other Knights out there, but at least you know that this Knight will commit to the relationship and will see it through.

In an established relationship, the Knight of Pentacles can indicate that your relationship is just poking along at the moment. There are no major issues or problems; you are just following your usual routine and keeping things consistent. There can be a risk of boredom, especially if you prefer your relationships to be a bit more dynamic, in which case you may benefit from breaking up your shared routine and doing something different. The Knight of Pentacles can also indicate that both of you are committed to your careers and working lives and may struggle to focus on the romance of the relationship. If this is the case, then make time not only for work but also for each other.

Spirituality

The Knight of Pentacles suggests that you are inclined to continue with your usual rituals and routines in spirituality and religion. You may go to church every Sunday or wake up early for yoga every morning. Now is a good time to stick with your routine and to stay focused on the spiritual task at hand.

Well-being and Health

In a health reading, the Knight of Pentacles suggests that you need to continue to follow a routine (be it an exercise, diet or health-treatment routine), even if you find it monotonous. To achieve your optimal health, you will need to persist and stay focused on your health program.

Journaling Prompts

- What am I dedicated to right now?
- What requires my consistent focus and attention?
- How can I create a schedule that supports my goals?

Suggested Card Combinations

Knight of Pentacles + Sun – You derive a lot of joy and pleasure out of your work, even when it is repetitive and mundane.

Knight of Pentacles + Four of Cups – You may be growing bored with your usual routine but are not necessarily doing anything about it.

Knight of Pentacles + Eight of Pentacles – You are zoned in on the task at hand and committed to working hard until the job is complete.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

Do you need greater self-discipline and commitment to achieve your goals? Instead of trying new things or dreaming up more ideas, the reversed Knight of Pentacles encourages you to establish a schedule or routine for yourself and stick to it until you have completed your assigned task.

The reversed Knight of Pentacles may also point to a journey of self-development or improvement, in which a routine will support your success. For example, you may create

a healthy eating plan or exercise schedule for yourself to help you become more fit and healthy. You may also need to pay more attention to the practical matters in your life that you have ignored recently. Mundane activities such as home upkeep, money matters, business relationships and moving forward in your career have been left by the wayside as you focus on more exciting or important opportunities. Depending on what is on your plate, you may want to make more time to get your life in order, or you may continue to focus on more pressing priorities.

On the flipside, the Knight of Pentacles might also suggest that you are feeling stuck in the daily grind and life has become boring and dull. While you may have implemented a routine and schedule to increase your productivity and efficiency, you are now finding it stifling to your creativity and innovation. It may be time to do something different. Be spontaneous. You don't always have to stick to the rules.

Perhaps you have become unadventurous, overly conservative and resistant to change. You may prefer just to stay at home while others are out having fun and taking risks. There's nothing wrong with a quiet night in; however, you may be isolating yourself from others or losing the interest of your friends. Try to get out more and be open to new experiences.

The reversed Knight of Pentacles can also warn that you are becoming a perfectionist in how you approach your work. Have you caught yourself being critical of others who do not share the same attention to detail as you, or becoming quickly frustrated when their work is not at the same standard as yours? While your hard work is appreciated, you do not want to lose the support of others along the way and may need to soften your approach.

Suggested Card Combinations

Knight of Pentacles reversed + Fool – You have lost your sense of fun and spontaneity and need to be more open to taking risks.

Knight of Pentacles reversed + Two of Pentacles – You need to get on top of your general affairs such as paying bills, keeping the house in order and managing your journal.

Knight of Pentacles reversed + Three of Pentacles reversed – Your perfectionism is getting in the way of the team working together. You are losing people along the way.

QUEEN OF PENTACLES

KEYWORDS

Upright: Nurturing, practical, providing financially, a working parent.

Reversed: Financial independence, self-care, work-home conflict.

QUOTES

"Life-fulfilling work is never about the money – when you feel true passion for something, you instinctively find ways to nurture it." – Eileen Fisher, Fashion Designer

"There is no spectacle on earth more appealing than that of a beautiful woman in the act of cooking dinner for someone she loves." – Thomas Wolfe (author and journalist)

"Each home has been reduced to the bare essentials.... Only one woman's hands to feed the baby, answer the telephone, turn off the gas under the pot that is boiling over, soothe the older child who has broken a toy, and open both doors at once. She is a nutritionist, a child psychologist, an engineer, a production manager, an expert buyer, all in one." – Margaret Mead (anthropologist)

DESCRIPTION

In the Queen of Pentacles, a woman sits on a stone throne decorated with carvings of fruit trees, goats, angels and other symbols of material success and sensual pleasure. She cradles a gold coin with both hands and looks down on it with loving care, as if to nurture this symbol of wealth and material success. Luscious plants and flowers surround her, representing her connection to Mother Earth, nature, and abundance. A small rabbit jumps near to where she is seated, symbolising fertility and suggesting that her life is in flow and alignment.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Queen of Pentacles is the nurturing mother of the material world. At home, she shows her love for others by cooking nutritious meals, maintaining a clean and inviting home, and giving warm cuddles to those who need it most. She is also able to work a full-time job and make a financial contribution to the household, often as the primary breadwinner. She is masterful at taking care of the practical needs of work, home and family, while also giving her love and support to those she cares about.

When the Queen of Pentacles appears in a Tarot reading, you are embodying the ultimate working parent archetype. You care for your family and domestic responsibilities while also making a living for yourself and creating financial abundance. You can maintain a healthy balance between home and work by integrating the two and finding your place of 'flow' and alignment. You strive to create a warm and secure environment for your family and loved ones while giving your love and support freely.

Similarly, the Queen of Pentacles suggests that it is important to you to live independently, with a stable income and with enough time and space to also nurture your loved ones. You may be trying to strike a better balance between your home and work lives, giving it your all in both domains. At the same time, you find time for yourself and prioritise 'me' time in between all of your other commitments.

The Queen of Pentacles represents prosperity and security. You have worked hard to generate a level of financial or physical security, which in turn gives you the ability to be generous with others and to share your wealth and abundance with those you love. You have used your financial prosperity to build a comfortable home environment and are as focused on investing in your family as your personal wealth.

This Queen asks you to maintain a compassionate, nurturing, practical and down-to-earth attitude when dealing with others and your present circumstances. Focus on creating a calm and balanced life for yourself. Be resourceful and practical, dealing with issues as they arise using straightforward solutions that fix the problem with minimal fuss.

At times, the Queen of Pentacles may represent a mother figure in your life who can provide you with loving support and nurturing to help you get through the influences of your past. She may be a teacher, a counsellor, a mentor or someone who you are very close to. Alternatively, if you are investing a lot of yourself into nurturing and caring for others and creating an established and comfortable lifestyle, she may represent a part of you.

Career, Work and Finances

The Queen of Pentacles notes that you value both your career and family life, and you seek to create the perfect balance between work and home. You want to maintain a fulfilling career

while also nurturing your loved ones at home. You also want to be the provider for your family, making a significant financial contribution. At work, the Queen of Pentacles highlights that you will be successful, having built up a lot of experience and a solid reputation amongst your peers. You will be paid well and have access to some of the higher-profile projects. You may also be responsible for leading and managing others and will do this in a down-to-earth and practical manner. There may even be a female mentor assisting you at work at this time.

If you are looking for a new job, the Queen of Pentacles is a very positive card as it indicates financial independence, success at work and a strong desire to create stability and certainty in your career and finances. Take it as a happy sign: you will find a job you enjoy and earn the income you need to sustain a comfortable lifestyle.

In a financial reading, the Queen of Pentacles is an assurance that you will have a comfortable lifestyle with a good level of financial independence. Your wealth is continuing to grow, and you lead an abundant and prosperous life.

Personality Types

The Queen of Pentacles honours and values her home and family. She is the nurturing mother, the financial provider, and the supportive boss, all wrapped into one. She is a practical, down-to-earth woman who has created abundance in her life and is now willing and able to share that abundance with others. She is pragmatic, smart, financially adept, and well-organised. At the same time, she has a generous nature and is warm-hearted, affectionate and devoted to the people she most cares about.

Relationships and Love

If you are single, the Queen of Pentacles suggests that you may prefer to remain single, free and independent at this time because you have everything you need to create a fulfilling life. Alternatively, if you are seeking a relationship and the Queen of Pentacles appears, it may be a sign that you will meet this type of person, or you will be able to express yourself as the Queen of Pentacles in the new relationship.

If you are in a relationship, the Queen of Pentacles indicates that you are nurturing and supporting your partner, both emotionally and financially. You may be the breadwinner in the relationship while also taking care of the domestic responsibilities. Be mindful, though, that you are not over-contributing to the relationship; work with your partner to achieve a balance in how you both provide to one another. If you are considering becoming a mother or embracing this role even more, then this card is a positive sign you will embody this energy soon.

Spirituality

In a spiritual reading, the Queen of Pentacles advises you to fill your cup by spending more time in nature and interacting with the environment. You may like to start gardening so that you can cook with fresh, organic ingredients or make herbal remedies for your family. You may pay closer attention to the seasons and set your intentions based on these natural, annual cycles. Or, you may talk to the trees, animals and plants and connect with their medicine. Be open to engaging with nature so that you can open up more fully on a spiritual level.

Well-being and Health

In a health reading, the Queen of Pentacles suggests you may need to create time and space to focus on yourself first for your health to improve. If you are continually putting everyone else's needs before your own, then your health may suffer as a result. Also, be open to exploring natural or herbal remedies to support your health.

Journaling Prompts

- How can I contribute financially?
- In what ways do I like to nurture others?
- What does work-life balance mean to me?

Suggested Card Combinations

Queen of Pentacles + Empress – You are the ultimate nurturing mother with a strong bond to your family and nature.

Queen of Pentacles + Ten of Cups – You are providing for your family not only through practical means but also through your love and support.

Queen of Pentacles + Nine of Pentacles – You are financially independent and have generated enough wealth to sustain a very comfortable, if not luxurious, lifestyle.

Queen of Pentacles + King of Pentacles – A practical, down-to-earth and committed union between a man and a woman, likely to stand the test of time.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

When the Queen of Pentacles is upright, you are focused on nurturing and providing for others; when reversed, you are turning that caring energy to yourself. You are creating financial independence, perhaps working for yourself, starting your own business or supporting your lifestyle with your income. You may still be in a partnership or family, but you are keen to ensure that you can sustain your own lifestyle, now and in the future, by yourself. You may have a separate savings account or a long-term investment plan to ensure that you can take care of yourself if need be.

The Queen of Pentacles reversed also suggests that you are nurturing yourself on a personal level. You may be preparing nutritious meals, going on retreat alone, and generally paying more attention to yourself and your needs. You are tending to yourself, knowing that to care for others, you need to first care for yourself. Trust that work and family can survive without you for a short period of time while you focus on you.

At times, the reversed Queen of Pentacles can reveal that your work and home life are out of balance and you are putting too much of your attention in one area to the detriment of the other. On the one hand, you may be very consumed by your job, spending long hours at the office, travelling for business or bringing your work home. On the other hand, your home and family life may be taking over, and you are unable to give your attention to your work. This might work on a temporary basis, but the ultimate goal is to integrate your work and home lives so that they are (mostly) in balance. You may also find a release by returning to a favourite nature spot and allowing yourself to take in this fresh, natural energy.

Similarly, an inverted Queen of Pentacles can point to an inner conflict when it comes to balancing work and personal priorities. Despite trying to make it work, you may consistently feel that you're not giving enough of your attention to either your work or home life. Sometimes, you just cannot do everything, and you will need to make some choices about where your priorities truly lie. You may also need to make new agreements with your partner or your boss so that you do not feel over-committed to one area. Seeking out additional home help, such as a cleaner, nanny or housekeeper, may also help you feel more at ease.

Suggested Card Combinations

Queen of Pentacles reversed + Four of Pentacles – You need to release your desire to always be the one in command. Instead, let others take on some responsibilities.

Queen of Pentacles reversed + Ten of Wands – You are taking on too much responsibility and neglecting your own needs in the process. Delegate or shift the burden to allow more time and space for yourself.

KING OF PENTACLES

KEYWORDS

Upright: Wealth, business, leadership, security, discipline, abundance.

Reversed: Financially inept, obsessed with wealth and status, stubborn.

QUOTES

"A wise man does not just wait for the right opportunity, he creates the right opportunity." – Author Unknown

"A good objective of leadership is to help those who are doing poorly to do well and to help those who are doing well to do even better." – Jim Rohn (author and philosopher)

"Leader in its most important sense means being the agent of your own life, influencing the things you care about most in the world to make it a richer life." – Stewart Friedman (author)

DESCRIPTION

The King of Pentacles sits on a throne embellished with carvings of bulls, representing his connection to the astrological sign of Taurus, and grapes and vines adorn his robe, symbolising wealth and abundance. In his right hand, he holds the sceptre of his power, and in his left, he holds a golden coin, symbolic of his material influence. This King has an innate ability to create material wealth and financial abundance – and better yet, he can sustain his wealth over time through self-discipline, control and leadership.

At his feet and around his throne are more vines, flowers and plants, representing the highest attainment of material success. His castle sits behind him, a symbol of all he has built through his efforts and determination. This King is therefore very serious about financial security and has made the accumulation of wealth his focus in life. He is proud of his achievements and

likes to show others his prized possessions and wealth.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The King of Pentacles represents material wealth, financial abundance, and worldly success. This King is a faithful provider; he uses his ambition and confidence to create wealth for himself and others and generates his self-worth from what he has accumulated and can share with others. He is also a fatherly figure who provides others with advice, guidance and wisdom, especially in financial and work-related matters.

When the King of Pentacles appears in a Tarot reading, you are confident and successful at attracting and managing wealth. Not only do you identify opportunities for growth and success, but you also draw upon your self-discipline and control to manage your wealth and invest it wisely for the long-term.

The arrival of the King of Pentacles indicates that you can translate your vision into something tangible, practical, and often very lucrative. You are the ultimate business owner. You do not merely come up with ideas and hope for the best – you work hard to map out your plan of attack, gather your resources and manifest your goals, often with tremendous success. You are like King Midas: everything you touch turns to gold. When you apply yourself to your vision, you create huge success, particularly on a financial level. Money flows easily and abundantly to you, and as you sit at the pinnacle of your economic power and influence, you can rest assured of your continued prosperity. You no longer struggle to achieve what you desire, like the Page and the Knight, nor do you have any need to prove yourself.

The King of Pentacles often indicates the final fulfilment of a creative task, a business venture or investment. Through diligence, responsibility and attention to detail, you have achieved great things and can finally say that you have completed your task or attained your goal. You can now enjoy all that you have accomplished and the successes you have created. You have created a rich life, not just financially but also spiritually, which will set you up well for the future.

The King of Pentacles knows that a methodical, planned and well-thought-out approach will lead you to success. You have experimented in the past with what works best and have landed on your own methods and practices you know will continue to work for you in the future. Continue down this path rather than trying new ways of doing things. You do not need to take any more risks.

Career, Work and Finances

In a career reading, the King of Pentacles shows you have reached a point of success and fulfilment in your career, which has generated wealth and a solid reputation within your field. You may have reached the upper echelons of management and can now impart your knowledge and wisdom to others. Alternatively, this King may reflect a mentor or manager who can offer you support throughout your career. His style may be quite paternalistic, but he means well and wants you to be successful.

Given the enterprising nature of the King of Pentacles, the appearance of this card may also indicate that you own your own business and are enjoying a period of great success and accomplishment.

The King of Pentacles is a sign of self-made wealth that is sustainable in the long-term. Invest wisely and maintain a high level of discipline and control over your finances. Take calculated risks in your finances but don't blow it all on a high-risk venture. This King may also indicate that you need to consult with a trusted financial advisor before signing a contract or investing money.

Personality Types

No one has a stronger character than the King of Pentacles. He is true to his word and is reliable, patient, dependable and committed. Whatever he says he will do, he will achieve, often with outstanding results. The King of Pentacles is a true-blue businessperson and is a master of the material world. He has a significant amount of experience and knowledge and is, therefore, able to use the money, wealth and power to create security and peace of mind, rather than getting carried away with selfish goals. He often represents a father figure, or a committed partner or devoted friend.

Relationships and Love

Commitment and long-term relationships are essential to the King of Pentacles, and he will prove to be a very loyal and dedicated partner. He is a good provider, and an excellent husband and father, so long as his authority is not disputed. While basically good-natured, he wants to be King of his castle and expects to be treated as such.

If you are single, you may soon meet this type of person. He may be older than you and will want to assume a position of authority and control in the relationship. He may be quite traditional in his approach and may want you to commit to the relationship even in its early stages.

If you are in an established relationship, the King of Pentacles can indicate that your relationship will become more committed and focused on the long term. Marriage or a desire to start a family may be in the cards. As a husband or long-term partner, the King of Pentacles is likely to have high expectations of you and family members and may have trouble relating

to his children if they do not think and act as he does. He can sometimes be quite stern and rigid in how he approaches relationships and likes to make sure that everything is steady and predictable.

Spirituality

The King of Pentacles suggests that your focus has primarily been on creating material wealth, and while your material wealth has benefited, you could undoubtedly devote more energy to your spiritual side. Consider how you might turn material wealth into spiritual wealth, perhaps by sharing your wealth or knowledge with others who need it.

Well-being and Health

The King of Pentacles indicates good health, particularly if you continue to stick with your 'tried and tested' health routines and programs. You may also seek out advice from a well-known and highly respected health professional.

Journaling Prompts

- How do I provide financially for others?
- What do wealth and abundance mean to me?
- How can I not only attract wealth but also maintain it in the long-term?

Suggested Card Combinations

King of Pentacles + Emperor – This combination emphasises an individual's authority, power and need for control. This person is very set in his or her ways and highly paternalistic.

King of Pentacles + Hermit – You have accumulated great wealth but may not have the means to share it with others. Thus, something is missing from the fulfilment of your goals.

King of Pentacles + World – You have accumulated significant wealth or achieved a substantial material goal. Retirement may also be in the cards.

King of Pentacles + Six of Pentacles – You are encouraged to share your wealth with others through charity and giving.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The King of Pentacles reversed asks you to look at your relationship with money and wealth. On the one hand, you may not be managing your wealth well. You may attract large sums of money through your business enterprises or a high-flying career, but as soon as the cash hits your bank account, it's on its way out again as you splurge on expensive items or invest in high-risk opportunities. You are not treating your money with respect, and instead, need to draw upon your self-discipline and control so you can save for your future while still enjoying the fruits of your labour.

On the other hand, you may be putting money before anything else, negatively impacting your relationships and well-being. You may be a workaholic, over-investing in wealth creation and neglecting your loved ones. You may do anything for an extra buck, even if it means selling your soul and your integrity. You may be so impressed by other people's status and social position that you kowtow to anyone 'above' you while dismissing anyone 'below' you. You might continuously name-drop and try to prove yourself by bragging about the people you know. If this resonates, step back for a moment and look at the greater impact of your obsession with money. Is it serving you in this state, or do you need to change?

At times, the reversed King of Pentacles represents someone who is very stubborn and rigid in his approach. When this King shows up in a reading, look at your life. Are you feeling 'stuck in a rut'? Has life become so predictable and routine that it is completely dull and lifeless? Being grounded is a good thing, but give yourself permission every now and then to break free and do something different. You don't have to be so serious all of the time.

Suggested Card Combinations

King of Pentacles reversed + Four of Pentacles – You are becoming overly possessive and controlling of your personal possessions and wealth.

King of Pentacles reversed + Seven of Swords – In your bid to impress those in positions of power, you are betraying the needs of others who may be able to help you later on.

King of Pentacles reversed + Ten of Cups reversed – You are not fulfilling your family commitments as you pursue wealth and status in your career.

THE SUIT OF SWORDS

The Suit of Swords deals with the mental level of consciousness that centres on the mind and the intellect. Swords mirror the quality of mind present in your thoughts, attitudes, and beliefs.

Should a Tarot reading be predominantly Swords cards, you are seeking solutions to what are primarily mental struggles, conflict and arguments, and decisions that must be made. Also, there could be many arguments or even violence at present. While Swords can carry with them many negative or forceful messages, they also serve as a warning to be more cautious of what is occurring around you.

Swords are often double-edged, and in this way, the Suit of Swords symbolises the delicate balance between intellect and power and how these two elements can be used for good or evil. As such, the spirit (Wands) and feeling (Cups) must balance the Swords to have the most positive effect.

The Suit of Swords associates with the element of Air. Air is intangible and unseen, but also in constant movement. Air can be still and unnoticed, build to a breeze or sharpen into a fierce wind. It is forceful yet refreshing and cleansing. Symbolically, the air element relates to knowledge, action, power, and change. It is a masculine energy that can lead by force and power even though it remains unseen.

Swords Tarot cards often represent the astrological signs of Air – Aquarius, Libra and Gemini. When you see a Swords Court Card in a Tarot reading, it relates to a person with an Aquarius, Libra or Gemini star sign. Swords people are intelligent, thoughtful, rational and excellent communicators. They are logical beings and like to experience the world by understanding and analysing what is occurring around them. On the flip side, Swords people can be ruthless, domineering, confrontational and rigid.

While the Suit of Swords associates with action, change, force, power, oppression, ambition, courage and conflict, that dynamism isn't always a good thing. Action can be constructive and/or destructive. The negative aspects of the Suit of Swords include anger, guilt, harsh judgement, a lack of compassion and verbal and mental abuse.

QUICK KEYWORDS CHART: SUIT OF SWORDS

ACE

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Breakthroughs	Inner clarity
New ideas	Re-thinking an idea
Mental clarity	Clouded judgement
Success	

TWO

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Difficult decisions	Indecision
Weighing up options	Confusion
An impasse	Information overload
Avoidance	Stalemate

THREE

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Heartbreak	Negative self-talk
Emotional pain	Releasing pain
Sorrow	Optimism
Grief	Forgiveness
Hurt	

FOUR

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Rest	Exhaustion
Relaxation	Burn-out
Meditation	Deep contemplation
Contemplation	Stagnation
Recuperation	

FIVE

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Conflict	Reconciliation
Disagreements	Making amends
Competition	Past resentment
Defeat	
Winning at all costs	

SIX

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Transition	Personal transition
Change	Resistance to change
Rite of passage	Unfinished business
Releasing baggage	

SEVEN

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Betrayal	Imposter syndrome
Deception	Self-deceit
Getting away with something	Keeping secrets
Acting strategically	

EIGHT

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Negative thoughts	Self-limiting beliefs
Self-imposed restriction	Inner critic
Imprisonment	Releasing negative thoughts
Victim mentality.	Open to new perspectives

NINE

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Anxiety	Inner turmoil
Worry	Deep-seated fears
Fear	Secrets
Depression	Releasing worry
Nightmares	

TEN

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Painful endings	Recovery
Deep wounds	Regeneration
Betrayal	Resisting an inevitable end
Loss	
Crisis	

PAGE

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
New ideas	Self-expression
Curiosity	All talk and no action
Thirst for knowledge	Haphazard action
New ways of communicating	Haste

KNIGHT

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Ambitious	Restless
Action-oriented	Unfocused
Driven to succeed	Impulsive
Fast-thinking	Burn-out

QUEEN

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Independent	Overly-emotional
Unbiased judgement	Easily influenced
Clear boundaries	Bitchy
Direct communication	Cold-hearted

KING

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Mental clarity	Quiet power
Intellectual power	Inner truth
Authority	Misuse of power
Truth	Manipulation

ACE OF SWORDS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Breakthroughs, new ideas, mental clarity, success.

Reversed: Inner clarity, re-thinking an idea, clouded judgement.

QUOTES

"Whatever the mind of man can conceive and believe, it can achieve. Thoughts are things! And powerful things at that, when mixed with definiteness of purpose, and burning desire, can be translated into riches." – Napolean Hill (motivational author)

"Clarity precedes success." – Robin Sharma (leadership development consultant)

"The beginning of wisdom is found in doubting; by doubting we come to the question, and by seeking we may come upon the truth." – Pierre Abelard (philosopher)

DESCRIPTION

The Ace of Swords shows a gleaming hand appearing from a white cloud, a representation of the Divine. It holds an upright sword, symbolic of the mind and the intellect, and at the tip of the sword sits a crown draped with a wreath, a sign of success and victory. While this Ace is a sign of triumph, the jagged mountains in the background suggest that the road ahead will be challenging. You will need mental resilience to navigate this path.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Ace of Swords marks a wave of new energy from the intellectual realms. You may be on the verge of a significant breakthrough or a new way of thinking that allows you to view the world with clear eyes. Or, you may have a sudden realisation or conscious understanding about an issue that has been troubling you and can finally see the path ahead of you. Meditate regularly to clear away the mental chatter and make the most of this intellectual potential.

See this card as a sign of encouragement. It says your mind is in 'expansion mode'. You are open to embracing new ideas, craving stimulation, and you'll jump at the next opportunity to learn something new. You thrive on new ideas, inspiration, original thinking and vision, and you are excited to pursue new opportunities that draw upon your creative and intellectual abilities.

When the Ace of Swords appears in a Tarot reading, it tells you that now is an excellent time to start a new project – one that requires your intellect, communication skills and mental power. You may feel inspired to take a writing class, practice your public speaking skills, or get involved in activities that require more brainpower than usual.

How might you draw on this Ace's motivation and take action on your new ideas? As an Ace, you are at the beginning of the journey, but you can sense the energy building up and can't wait to get started. If you channel this energy into the right moves, then you will succeed in your endeavours. Just remember that the road ahead may be bumpy and you can expect challenges along the way. Maintain a success mindset, and you will navigate these hurdles with ease.

As with all Swords cards, the Ace of Swords represents power; but the sword is a double-edged blade, implying that it can create and destroy. The message is clear: with power comes responsibility. It will be up to you how you leverage the opportunity for the greater good of all rather than for selfish or aggressive power. You will need a strong heart and mind and need to see how to best use your power for the service of others and yourself.

The Ace of Swords also encourages you to pursue the truth of the matter and to find justice. You may champion a cause or stand up for your rights or the rights of others. Or, you may have a new idea for which you are prepared to fight, or you may feel fired up about an issue you are passionate about, such as human rights. You have great clarity on the situation and can now argue your point of view with truth and conviction. In other words, you are ready for battle.

Career, Work and Finances

If you are looking for work, the Ace of Swords is a positive sign that a new and exciting opportunity is around the corner, promising more mental stimulation, inspiration and creativity. You may receive a job offer that requires you to 'think' rather than just 'do', or move to a company that values your knowledge and experience. With that in mind, make sure to provide well-thought-out answers, creative ideas, and a bright and succinct point of view in job interviews.

In a career reading, the Ace of Swords can signal a project that will require you to think differently from how you have in the past. Alternatively, you may seek a new direction in your career or even leave your current job, especially if it is not mentally stimulating.

In a financial reading, the Ace of Swords suggests you may come across a piece of information that will help you identify new opportunities or find greater clarity regarding a financial matter.

Personality Types

Ace of Swords personalities are bursting with fresh ideas and creativity. You can just see their eyes light up when another idea comes to mind, and they are always generating new ways of thinking and unique approaches to regular issues. They are highly analytical and logical in their approach, but this enables them to be at their best. These Aces like to cut straight to the heart of the matter and get to the truth as quickly as possible.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, the Ace of Swords points to a new relationship with a lot of potential. This person will be like a breath of fresh air and their partnership stimulates your mind, bringing you a heightened understanding of yourself and others. Alternatively, you may have a personal breakthrough in your relationships, and this new understanding will compel you to take an entirely new approach to love.

In an established relationship, the Ace of Swords suggests that you and your partner will share a breakthrough moment, in which you both understand your connection from a whole new level. This Ace is about sussing out the truth, so aim to hold more open and honest conversations with each other. It is highly likely that this process will open a new door in the relationship, sparking it in a different direction and generating an exciting energy for you both.

Spirituality

The Ace of Swords represents a new insight or a breakthrough that will bring about greater clarity or a conscious awareness of a particular spiritual aspect. You have discovered your

inner truth about an important issue and can now stand in the conviction of what you believe.

Well-being and Health

You have renewed hope of finding a solution for any health concerns present for you. You may get to try a new treatment plan or take part in a medical trial. The Ace of Swords in a health reading can also suggest an injection, surgery or a need to see a specialist surgeon.

Journaling Prompts

- What new mindset or perspective do I need to embrace?
- How can I turn my ideas into action?
- Where (and how) can I reach greater mental clarity?

Suggested Card Combinations

Ace of Swords + Strength – You are drawing upon your inner strength to generate clarity of mind and find new sources of inspiration.

Ace of Swords + Hermit – Time spent in isolation and contemplation will facilitate a breakthrough moment of spiritual understanding.

Ace of Swords + Justice – As you search for the truth in the matter at hand, a definite outcome will clarify your situation.

Ace of Swords + Ace of Pentacles – A creative idea will soon manifest into a new business venture with great initial success.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The Ace of Swords reversed indicates that a new idea or breakthrough is emerging from within you, but you are not willing to share it with others just yet. You may still be exploring what this idea means for you and how to best express and manifest it in the external world. You may also seek greater clarity about whether this is an idea you wish to pursue more fully, perhaps because you are unsure if it will bring the results you truly desire. When this card appears in a Tarot reading, it's important to give yourself time and space to meditate and clear your mind so you can 'birth' this idea in the most effective way.

Sometimes, the reversed Ace of Swords can be a signal you have an idea that's not coming to fruition in the way you had hoped, and it's time to go back to the drawing board. You may still be pursuing an idea that no longer has any meaning for you. Or you may have too

many ideas on the go, and you cannot commit to one course of action. This card invites you to spend more time on defining in plain terms what it is you want in life. Set yourself some SMART goals (specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time-bound) so you can be clear on what you are working towards. Focus on the basics and do some better planning. Get clear on your aspirations and goals.

The Ace of Swords reversed can also suggest clouded judgement and lack of mental clarity around a specific situation. You are missing relevant information or evidence that will help you decide, so invest your time and energy into seeking out the truth rather than just taking things at face value.

Suggested Card Combinations

Ace of Swords reversed + Seven of Cups – Your mind is bursting with ideas – so much so that they are becoming overwhelming and preventing you from taking decisive action.

Ace of Swords reversed + Two of Wands reversed – Your goals are ill-defined or misaligned and, as a result, you do not have a clear sense of direction.

TWO OF SWORDS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Difficult decisions, weighing up options, an impasse, avoidance.

Reversed: Indecision, confusion, information overload, stalemate.

QUOTES

"Each indecision brings its own delays and days are lost lamenting over lost days.... What you can do or think you can do, begin it. For boldness has magic, power, and genius in it." – Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (writer)

"The more equally attractive two alternatives seem, the harder it can be to choose between them—no matter that,

to the same degree, the choice can only matter less." – Edward Fredkin (physician)

"Life is inherently risky. There is only one big risk you should avoid at all costs, and that is the risk of doing nothing." – Denis Waitley (motivational speaker and writer)

DESCRIPTION

The Two of Swords shows a blindfolded woman, dressed in a white robe, holding two crossed swords. The blindfold over her eyes tell us that the woman is confused about her plight and that she can see neither the problem nor the solution clearly. She may also be missing relevant information that would make her decision much clearer if she were to obtain it. The swords she holds are in perfect balance, suggesting that she is weighing her thoughts and addressing both sides of the situation to find the best resolution.

Behind the woman is a body of water dotted with rocky islands. The water represents the emotions and, while the Suit of Swords traditionally associates with the mind and intellect, its presence shows that the woman must use both her head and her heart to weigh her

options. The islands represent obstacles in her path and suggest that her decision is not as clear-cut as it seems. She will have to consider the situation as a whole. The crescent moon to her right is a sign that this woman needs to trust her intuition as she makes her choice.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Two of Swords indicates that you are facing a challenging decision, but you are unclear about which option to take. Both possibilities may seem equally good – or equally bad – and you are stumped about which will lead you to the best outcome. You must be able to weigh up the pros and cons of each choice and then make a conscious judgment. Use both your head (your mind and the intellect) and your heart (your feelings and intuition) to choose the path that is most in alignment with your Higher Self.

In a reading, it may be helpful to draw a further two cards for either side of the Two of Swords to show what it is you are trying to decide upon or balance. You may also like to draw four more cards, for the pros and cons of each choice.

The woman in this card wears a blindfold, indicating that she cannot see the entirety of her circumstance. You may lack the information you need to make the right decisions. You may be missing something, such as the threats or potential risks, alternative solutions or critical pieces of information that would help guide you in a particular direction. Once you remove the blindfold and see the situation for what it really is, you will be in a much better position to find your best path forward. Research your options more, seek outside opinions and feedback and ask yourself what you might be missing.

It is also possible that the woman in the Two of Swords has intentionally chosen to put on the blindfold to avoid making a choice. Are you trying to hide from a challenging situation or impending decision, hoping that if you ignore it long enough, you won't need to worry about it? Unfortunately, the issue is unlikely to resolve itself, and the longer you delay, the longer you will prolong this present situation.

Similarly, the Two of Swords can reflect indecision and an impasse on an important matter. Again, you can only put it off so long; at some point, you have to make a move.

The Two of Swords comes as a reminder that many of life's decisions are difficult ones and rarely come with clear-cut answers. The invitation is to make your choices with your best intentions, fully aware of the possible consequences. Avoidance will lead to greater conflict and stagnation.

Career, Work and Finances

In a career reading, the Two of Swords represents an important but challenging decision. If you are looking for a job, you may be forced to choose between two positions. Do your research to find out more about each opportunity or try to find alternatives.

If you are already in a stable job, you may weigh up whether to leave your current role for something new, or you may wrestle with an important business decision that requires you to act. Again, do your research and look to source the truth of the matter before moving forward. There may also be an unresolved conflict simmering between you and your colleagues (or superiors), creating a stalemate and increasing tension.

In a financial reading, the Two of Swords shows that you need to strike a balance between incoming funds and outgoing expenses. You may decide between two options that carry differing financial implications. Be mindful of any costs that may come with delaying your decision, such as increased interest rates or late fees.

Personality Types

Two of Swords personalities can come across as indecisive and apprehensive about making the next move. She may continuously be 'umming' and 'ahhing' to delay having to make an important judgment or struggle to make a firm decision that will impact others.

On a more positive note, the Two of Swords personality can be very diplomatic in hearing out others and understanding everyone's points of view. She likes to balance up her options and ensure she has all the information she needs to make a sound choice.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, you may have two potential relationships from which you can choose. You may be trying to keep your options open by maintaining contact with both suitors, but at some point, you will have to pick one over the other. It will become too difficult keeping up relationships with both! Sometimes the Two of Swords can imply that you are still caught up in a past relationship and cannot decide whether to leave this in the past and pursue a new relationship. Be mindful that you are not trying to bury your head in the sand over deeper emotional issues preventing love from entering your life.

If you are in an established relationship, the Two of Swords suggests you may be of two minds about where the relationship is heading. You may be deciding whether to continue the partnership, or you may even have another potential suitor on the side. This card can also suggest that you are at an impasse with your partner or failing to see each other's points of view. Aim for a truce to create some peace. A professional mediator or conflict-resolution expert may help you air your viewpoints in a constructive way.

Spirituality

The Two of Swords suggests that you are facing some important spiritual decisions, possibly around which spiritual path to take. You may also be weighing an ethical choice between what is right and wrong.

Well-being and Health

The Two of Swords suggests you need to make an important decision regarding your health. You may have two options for treatment, each with their own pros and cons. It may be prudent to seek a second opinion to shed more light on the risks and any alternative therapies.

Journaling Prompts

- What are the pros and cons of each opportunity?
- What am I missing in this situation?
- What do I consider as I make this decision?

Suggested Card Combinations

Two of Swords + Hanged Man – Your indecisiveness has stalled your progress – but that might be a good thing! Use this time to build on your understanding of the choice in front of you.

Two of Swords + High Priestess – You may seek intuitive guidance to help you make the right choice.

Two of Swords + Five of Wands – Your inability to hear out others' points of view is leading to conflict and a stalemate.

Two of Swords + Seven of Cups – This period of indecision may be a result of having too many options on your plate. Revisit (or redefine) your goals and then choose the option that aligns with them best.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The Two of Swords reversed suggests that you are facing a difficult decision and cannot decide which direction to take. You are caught between a rock and a hard place, and it feels impossible to make the 'right' decision as you believe either option will lead to negative consequences. As a result, you are finding yourself feeling stuck and unable to move forward, which is just making the situation worse.

You may also lack the information you need to make a sound decision. Just as the blindfolded woman is closed off to the external world, you may also be closed off to additional information or alternative solutions that could resolve your dilemma. Or, you might be experiencing information overload, overwhelmed by other people's points of view and a deluge of information. Sift through the advice available to select only the most relevant and helpful.

The reversed Two of Swords is inviting you to listen to your intuition about this difficult decision. You may need to cut off from the external world temporarily so you can hear your inner voice and allow your wisdom to come through. Trust what you know to be true and right for you. Make your decisions based on your own internal compass.

The Two of Swords reversed often represents a stalemate. You may reach an impasse with a friend, loved one, colleague or supplier. The trouble is that all parties involved are refusing to see the situation from the other's perspective and you are butting heads. Remove the blinders and look at the situation from a different angle. Identify where you can come to a compromise. Otherwise, this issue will not move forward.

The reversed Two of Swords may also suggest you are feeling stuck in the middle of two competing sides. You may be trying to play the peacemaker role, but in doing so, you are just confusing yourself and creating more tension. For example, you may attempt to bring two conflicting family members together in the hope of fostering a harmonious family environment, but instead, you end up being the messenger or the dumping ground for each of their concerns. Decide whether you honestly have a role to play and whether you can create peace between the two opposing parties. Otherwise, get yourself out of there!

Suggested Card Combinations

Two of Swords reversed + Five of Swords – You may try to resolve a conflict but will find that you cannot do it alone.

Two of Swords reversed + Ace of Swords – You need to sift through the available information to find what is the most meaningful to you. Doing so will help you see clearly.

THREE OF SWORDS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Heartbreak, emotional pain, sorrow, grief, hurt.

Reversed: Negative self-talk, releasing pain, optimism, forgiveness.

QUOTES

"But how will I know who my soul mate is? By taking risks. By risking failure, disappointment, disillusion but never ceasing in your search for love. As long as you keep looking, you will triumph in the end." – Paulo Coelho (author)

"No pain that we suffer, no trial that we experience is wasted. It ministers to the development of such qualities as patience, faith, fortitude and humility. All that we suffer and all that we endure, especially when we endure it patiently, builds up our characters, purifies our hearts, expands our souls, and makes us more tender and charitable... and it is through sorrow and suffering, toil and tribulation, that we gain the education that we come here to acquire." – Orson F. Whitney (poet and historian)

DESCRIPTION

The Three of Swords shows a heart pierced by three swords, representing the pain inflicted by words, actions and intent on the emotional and physical self. The dark clouds gathering in the background mirror this pain but offer the hope that, just as the storm clouds will disappear, so too will the pain and hurt you are experiencing.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

When the Three of Swords turns up in a Tarot reading, it signals that you are feeling deeply hurt and disappointed. Your heart has been pierced by the sharp blades of others' hurtful words, actions and intentions, and they have inflicted intense emotions of pain, sadness, grief, and heartbreak. These events are often unexpected and come out of the blue, making them even more painful.

The Three of Swords is also about an emotional release. When you have suffered a major setback or loss, now is an excellent time to have a good cry. Expressing your sadness is part of the cleansing process and letting it all out will help you move on to better times. Allow yourself the opportunity to experience these emotions, no matter how painful. Cry, shout, or scream at the top of your lungs. Do whatever it takes to express your anger or pain as this will help the emotions flow through (and out of) you.

However, it is also essential that you continue to focus on the path ahead. You may run the risk of becoming so absorbed in the emotions swirling around you that you lose sight of the need to just let go and move on. Your focus stays locked on the damage when it should be on the recovery. Now is time to accept what happened and move forward with your life.

The Three of Swords comes as a reminder that pain, sorrow and grief are a necessary part of life. Without pain, you would never experience the challenges you need to grow and develop as a person. Every hardship creates discomfort, which inevitably turns into an opportunity to become stronger, learn from your mistakes, and change the course of your life for the better. While the pain may cloud your vision for a time, it will eventually bring clarity and enable you to put the past behind you. Can you see this experience as a learning opportunity?

The good news is that this painful season will pass. While the Three of Swords brings hurt and sadness, it is only temporary. You will bounce back. The clouds will dissipate, and soon you will have a better perspective on what you can learn from the experience. You can conquer any pain that comes your way – all it takes is faith, self-love, forgiveness and time.

The Three of Swords often arrives when you are taking others' words to heart. You may be more prone to internet trolls, workplace bullies or spiteful strangers. Or it may be closer to home, with those you love saying hurtful words to you – just remember that you do not have to accept their words as truth; they are merely another person's opinion or a projection of their own inner fears and anxieties. Shift the energy by looking at these people with a compassionate heart: what struggles are they going through that they feel they need to throw their insecurities at you? Be mindful, too: why are their words triggering you? Is there a more profound truth in what they've said, one you might not be willing to see just yet? Use these pain points to expand your perspective and see the bigger picture of what is happening here.

Career, Work and Finances

In a career reading, the Three of Swords indicates trouble, such as a failed project, an opportunity that has fallen through or job loss. You are likely to take the loss personally, with hurt feelings and a bruised ego. As difficult as the setback may be, however, try to keep things in perspective. This will soon pass, and life will return to normal. Remember that you still have your loved ones, your personal hobbies, passions and your inner spirit to keep you going.

In a financial reading, the Three of Swords can warn of a sudden, unexpected loss of finances. Shares may crash, a prized possession may be taken away from you, or you may find yourself in unwanted debt. Again, you need to keep things in perspective and work to regain your financial stability one step at a time.

Personality Types

Three of Swords personalities may carry pain, grief and sorrow with them. They struggle to see beyond what is going wrong in their lives (and the pain it causes them) and may be so absorbed in their own losses that they doubt the future ahead of them. This card may also be representative of someone who has indeed lost a lot in life, be it losing loved ones, relationships, possessions, or their livelihood.

Relationships and Love

In a relationship reading, the Three of Swords typically represents heartbreak. Your feelings are hurt, and you are suffering from emotional pain and disappointment. Alternatively, it could be you who has inflicted the emotional pain upon someone else by ending a relationship or speaking critically.

If you are looking for love, the Three of Swords can show that you are still carrying pain and heartbreak from an earlier relationship, so much so that it's impeding your ability to find a new love. You may be better off investing your energy into healing from this earlier loss instead of jumping into a 'rebound' relationship you'll later regret. Alternatively, you may find that potential new relationships continually end in heartbreak, even before they really get started.

If you are in an established relationship, the Three of Swords signals a break-up or emotional pain. Your partner has let you down or broken your trust. Whatever happened, it hurts, and you need to focus on healing your heart before committing to any future emotional investment. Thankfully, as this Three is a Minor Arcana card, this will be a temporary phase, and you will soon be able to love again.

Spirituality

Spiritually, you may struggle with loss and grief, so much so that it could impact your faith. See this painful time as a test of your inner strength and take heart that, while it hurts now, it will not always feel this way.

Well-being and Health

You may receive unexpected news that carries negative consequences for your health. In fact, the Three of Swords may literally represent issues with the heart or even heart surgery. Be mindful, too, of emotional stress, depression and anxiety and how they might impact your health.

Journaling Prompts

- What is at the root of my sorrow and heartbreak?
- How can I release these intense emotions?
- What new opportunity might arise from this pain?

Suggested Card Combinations

Three of Swords + Strength – You will recover from your loss and emerge as a stronger and more courageous person.

Three of Swords + Death – The finality of a personal transformation is impossible to fight. Embrace the opportunity for change and renewal in your life.

Three of Swords + Tower – You have suffered a significant loss, and it is taking its toll on you. While this seems like your darkest hour, you will arise a changed person with a new outlook on life.

Three of Swords + Three of Cups – You have close friends ready to offer support in the wake of a recent loss.

Three of Swords + Five of Cups – A painful break-up, separation, loss of a loved one or heartache.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The Three of Swords reversed encourages you to pay attention to your inner thoughts and self-talk. Your words are powerful, especially those you repeat to yourself day after day. You may be prone to self-criticism, limiting beliefs and negative self-talk. You may identify with an 'inner mean girl' (or boy) who is constantly telling you why you're not good enough. When you hear these negative thoughts come up, ask yourself whether you would ever utter these words to a friend or loved one and if the answer is a 'hell no', then why are you speaking these words to yourself? Look at how you can shift your thoughts towards the positive to reinforce your confidence. You have what it takes to be the person you deserve to be.

You may also be hypersensitive to others' words and need to develop a thick skin. Let go of the hurt that these words are causing you – it will only hold you back – and do some self-reflection. What has triggered your feelings and why? And how might you address the underlying issue? For example, if you are upset by a friend's accusation that you are selfish, look within yourself to see where you may be acting selfishly. If this behaviour is no longer serving you, then let it go.

The Three of Swords reversed can indicate that you have recently gone through a difficult patch in which a relationship has ended or been challenged, a loved one has passed, or you were hurt by a situation that affected you deeply. Thankfully, the reversal of this card suggests that this time has passed, and you are on the path to recovery, realising that with every cloud comes a silver lining and you have other things in your life which bring you joy. You have reached a point where you can accept the pain and are ready to move forward.

On the flip side, the reversed Three of Swords might point out that you are finding it very hard to move on from a recent loss or heartbreak. This card reveals that you are still suffering from an earlier loss and need to go through an emotional purging to free yourself from your past. You are doing your best to leave this behind and make a new life but still have a long journey ahead. Be careful that you are not getting stuck in the moment of grief, and instead focus on embracing new opportunities. It is always hard to bear the pain of separation or understand why you have been inflicted with such sorrow. Learn to accept your circumstances so that the healing process will not become blocked. Allow yourself to experience the pain, give yourself the right to grieve and release the heartache. Open the door to new experiences. When you see the reversed Three of Swords, ask yourself, "In what ways am I suffering? What am I most sorrowful about? What can I do to release this pain and learn from it?"

If you are experiencing challenges in your relationships, the reversed Three of Swords serves as a reminder to be the peacemaker. Always think before you speak, so you will not later regret what you have said. And never be afraid to say you are sorry.

Suggested Card Combinations

Three of Swords reversed + Star – Following a loss, you have renewed hope and faith that you can get your life back on track.

Three of Swords reversed + Five of Swords – There may be bad blood between you and a loved one. Offer forgiveness and move on from your disagreements.

FOUR OF SWORDS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Rest, relaxation, meditation, contemplation, recuperation.

Reversed: Exhaustion, burn-out, deep contemplation, stagnation.

QUOTES

"Peace comes from within. Do not seek it without." – Buddha

"The more tranquil a man becomes, the greater is his success, his influence, his power for good. Calmness of mind is one of the beautiful jewels of wisdom." – James Allen (essayist)

"In full calmness and peace you experience the unchanging, eternal pure being that you are." – Remez Sasson (founder of SuccessConsciousness.com)

DESCRIPTION

The Four of Swords shows a knight lying horizontally on a tomb. He remains in his full armour, and his hands are in the position of prayer as a sign of rest. One sword lies beneath the knight, symbolising a single point of focus, and three swords hang above him, pointing downwards towards his head and torso. The stained-glass window above him shows a woman and child together.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Four of Swords tells you to rest before you take on the next challenge. You have reached an important first milestone and must recharge your energy before the next phase begins so you are refreshed and ready to go. Even if you are highly productive and driven, take time out from your busy schedule to restore your energy and heal the body and the mind. Constant stress and tension will break even the hardest and most resilient of people but brief periods of rest enable you to refresh your energy, concentration and focus so that you are ready for the next challenge.

If you have been going through tough times recently, such as the trauma of break-up or departure, relationship or family problems, financial and health worries, stress or conflict, then the Four of Swords comes as a sign to take a step back and regain perspective. Take a day off work, travel to a new destination, or spend time with your loved ones – whatever you need to take a break. Now is not the time to make decisions.

In fact, the Four of Swords presents a new challenge: to stay silent and inactive. Now is the time to build up your mental strength by clearing your mind of any mental 'clutter' or stress. Meditate and spend time in a place that creates peace, calm and tranquillity for you. Go on retreat or start a meditation course. You need to replenish your strength and spend time connecting with your Higher Self.

The Four of Swords suggests the need for seclusion. You need solitude to negotiate your situation and time apart from others to gather your thoughts and feelings. Following on from the painful loss of the Three of Swords, this Four suggests your need to spend time alone to re-evaluate your life. Solitude, although often difficult to bear, is necessary for you to recharge your batteries and rejuvenate your spirit. This solitary experience always bears fruit in greater inner strength and confidence. Retreat from pain, conflict and distractions, and rid yourself of stress and anxiety. Ground and re-charge yourself. Look inward for a real change and meditate daily.

In a practical sense, the Four of Swords is an indicator that you need to take some time to review your progress so far. This is an excellent time to re-assess your priorities. It is almost like conducting your own 'post-implementation review' following a major milestone or a significant challenge. Create time and space to evaluate what has worked well, what has not, and what you need to change. Pausing to reflect after each major challenge will position you well for success in the future.

Career, Work and Finances

In a career reading, the Four of Swords can represent a period of rest and relaxation or 'down time.' If you are working, you may find that your workload is momentarily reduced to allow

you a break from your busy schedule. It may be a great time to organise a holiday or much-needed 'R & R' for yourself and your family. You may also take advantage of your annual sabbatical, extended service leave, or even taking a career break.

If work has you stressed, then take a couple of mental health days to restore your energy levels and prevent any burn-out and exhaustion.

If you are searching for employment, the Four of Swords suggests that the job market may be unusually quiet and finding a role may take longer than expected. Consider taking a personal break from your job search and allow yourself a bit of extra free time.

In a financial reading, the Four of Swords says that you are not overly focused on generating more income at this time. You are happy just to sit with what you have and don't feel the need to work overtime to bring in more money. You value the time freedom more than you do the financial wealth.

Personality Types

The Four of Swords personality is calm, quiet, and contemplative. He is attuned to his energy levels and knows when he needs downtime. He cultivates a calm and moderated lifestyle and will retreat when necessary. Sometimes, the Four of Swords personality may come across as entirely passive or inactive, which can be frustrating to more action-oriented people. This person may need extra time and space before being ready to act or make decisions.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, the Four of Swords suggests you may experience a lull in finding new potential partners. Use it to your advantage! You may be better off taking a step back to reflect on what you want most in a potential partner. You can then come back to the dating scene feeling refreshed and ready to embrace new challenges.

If you are in a romantic relationship, you may feel a bit disconnected from your partner and want to take time out for yourself. It is essential to communicate with your partner about what is going on inside and why you need space. Do not be afraid to step back from the relationship to revitalise your energy and come back ready to engage and connect with your significant other.

Spirituality

The Four of Swords reminds you that no matter how demanding your situation, or how strongly you feel compelled to take action, stillness and quiet are what you need most. Reconnect with your Higher Self and align your energy so you can handle any challenge or issue with a clear mind. Now may also be an ideal time to go on a spiritual retreat, particularly one that encourages silence, solitude and meditation.

Well-being and Health

In a health reading, the Four of Swords suggests that you need to slow down and relax to restore your health. Your busy schedule may have you burning the candle at both ends, but your body is calling on you to pause for a moment and allow it to heal before your next challenge.

Journaling Prompts

- How can I quiet my thoughts?
- What do I need to contemplate?
- How can I rest?

Suggested Card Combinations

Four of Swords + Hermit – You need time in isolation to contemplate your life path.

Four of Swords + Hanged Man – You need to suspend your activities while you consider your future direction and restore your inner strength.

Four of Swords + Three of Swords – After a painful break-up, you need a respite from relationships to heal your energies.

Four of Swords + Eight of Wands – A holiday, usually to an overseas location or a place that requires air travel.

Four of Swords + Ten of Wands – You need to drop a few of your commitments and responsibilities to focus on your personal well-being and inner peace.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The Four of Swords reversed sends a powerful message that you need to take time out to rest and recharge your energy. You may be working long hours, giving your time and energy to others in need, or involved in a highly stressful and demanding undertaking. You are close to exhaustion, and your energy reserves are running low or on empty. If you do not stop and take some much-needed rest now, you may crash and burn-out completely, rendering yourself completely ineffective and unable to help anyone.

The reversed Four of Swords is calling you to withdraw from your external world, and retreat within. Now is time for a social media detox, a weekend escape, or a silent retreat so that you can focus your energy within and find your peace once again. Use daily meditation to calm

your mind.

The Four of Swords reversed can show that you are restless and wanting to do everything at once. Even if your body is telling you that you need to rest and relax, your mind may push you forward, trying to carry out a long list of tasks and making you sick or stressed as a result. So it is vital that you force yourself to take it easy to make sure you do not run yourself into the ground. Some 'busy time' is OK but be careful not to push it so far that you end up hurting your health and well-being. If you need to rest, rest. Even just a quick 'nanna nap' on the weekend or a twenty-minute meditation each day can help to re-balance your energy reserves and get you ready for even more productivity.

The Four of Swords reversed can also represent stagnation and a lack of action leading to increased frustration. For example, a long-term marriage has become spiritually and emotionally empty. You may need to take a break and come back to it when the energy is flowing better.

Similarly, the Four of Swords reversed suggests that you are frustrated with the lack of progress and change in your life. Part of this lack of change may be due to your passive approach. There may have been situations that were frustrating to you or that you were unhappy with but you chose to wait it out and hope that they would eventually change. Now you're feeling the ramifications of that choice.

Suggested Card Combinations

Four of Swords reversed + Magician – You have come out of a period of meditation and are now ready for action.

Four of Swords reversed + Eight of Cups – You are avoiding some deeper emotional issues and painful thorns that need your attention right now.

Four of Swords reversed + Nine of Swords – The stresses of life are building up, but you are refusing to take time out to rest. This self-neglect is hurting your emotional and physical health.

FIVE OF SWORDS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Conflict, disagreements, competition, defeat, winning at all costs.

Reversed: Reconciliation, making amends, past resentment.

QUOTES

"You may have to fight a battle more than once to win it."– Margaret Thatcher (British Prime Minister)

"Win as if you were used to it, lose as if you enjoyed it for a change." – Ralph Waldo Emerson (poet)

"You must never be satisfied with losing. You must get angry, terribly angry, about losing. But the mark of the good loser is that he takes his anger out on himself and not his victorious opponents or on his team mates." – Richard M. Nixon (US President)

DESCRIPTION

In the Five of Swords, a sly-looking man picks up three swords from the ground. He glances over his shoulder at two men who are walking away with their shoulders slouched, conveying a sense of sadness and loss. Two more swords are strewn across the grass, suggesting a battle has been fought and lost. The sky is cloudy and tumultuous, a sign that not all is well even though the fighting has stopped.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Five of Swords turns up when you have had a falling out, disagreement or conflict, and you are walking away with a sense of sadness and loss. You may be upset and resentful over the heated words you said and now wish you could take back. 'Bad blood' and a general 'icky-ness' hang over you as your relations have turned sour.

Even if you won the argument or came out the apparent victor, you realise that you have lost as much as (or more than) your opponent. This battle has cost you trust, respect or dignity, and isolated you. As you try to pick up the pieces and set the conflict behind you, you find it's more difficult than you thought; others have lost faith in you and are keeping their distance. You will need to decide whether your point of view is so important to you that you're willing to put your relationships in jeopardy, or if you can compromise and see eye-to-eye.

The advice of the Five of Swords is to pick your battles. You may be tempted to fight every conflict to ensure you get your way, to prove that you are right, or defend yourself when you are feeling challenged or threatened. However, most experts agree, choosing your battles wisely is a much better way of life than engaging in every disagreement. Not only will it lead to a more peaceful existence, but your interpersonal relationships are likely to come out stronger.

The Five of Swords can often indicate that you are competing with others on the path to success. You see them as threats to your own happiness, and so you seek to win at any cost.

If you have been engaged in a conflict and can see it taking its toll, the Five of Swords is an invitation to apologise. The longer you brood, or the more you try to prove you were right, the more challenging the relationship will become. Be ready to say you were wrong and make amends. There's no sense in trying to justify your behaviour; just let it go and move on. Look for common ground with those you have been fighting with, or seek forgiveness so you can put this behind you.

The Five of Swords may also point to failure. It shows that, despite your best efforts, you are likely to be beaten or come out as the loser. If you allow yourself to become disillusioned after such a loss, then you will find yourself on the path to increased ruin and torment. Accept your defeat, and learn from it. Be smarter and wiser next time.

Career, Work and Finances

In a work reading, the Five of Swords suggests that you move within a very competitive, dog-eat-dog environment. People, including yourself, may engage in power plays and politics where there can only be a win-lose or lose-lose outcome. Hostility, tension and conflict are high, and you must look out for your own interests and needs; otherwise, you will not succeed.

If you are looking for work, the Five of Swords warns that the job market is highly competitive and finding a career you enjoy could prove very difficult. You need to be on top of your game and ready for a more extended search period than you anticipated.

In a financial reading, this card suggests a conflict over economic affairs. For example, you might battle with an ex over material possessions and joint finances, with both parties failing to agree on a fair and just outcome.

Personality Types

The Five of Swords personality is highly ambitious, competitive and focused on winning at any cost. He places his needs before anyone else's and fights to the end to get what he wants. This Five plays the political game masterfully but will lose friends and colleagues along the way. Smug and self-assured, the Five of Swords likes to stand out in a crowd.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, the Five of Swords suggests that you have had little luck in finding the right partner. You may be continually winding up hurt, rejected and defeated in your quest. It could be that you bow to the demands of others, or perhaps you are too aggressive or selfish in conveying your needs. Whatever the case, something must change; otherwise, you will continue to come up against these challenges.

If you are in a relationship, the Five of Swords reflects a recent falling out or a high level of tension with your partner. You may have said many hurtful things to each other that you now regret, damaging the relationship and provoking hostility and distrust between you. However, if you want to correct the course, you will need to understand each other's perspective, forgive, forget and then move on. Accept responsibility for your actions and be very humble in giving an apology. Even if you think you were right, you must show your partner that you regret what happened.

Spirituality

The Five of Swords advises that you are much better off laying down your weapons and treating your friends, colleagues and other people with compassion and understanding.

Think of someone you consider an adversary, a person with whom you are perpetually butting heads. What do you get out of this 'us versus them' mentality? What truth about yourself does this situation (and your reaction to it) imply? Perhaps you have a hidden need to question your own position. Or maybe you are projecting onto the other person a trait or characteristic you dislike in yourself. Or maybe your ego is defending itself at the expense of your happiness. Can you see this person as a teacher instead of an enemy?

Well-being and Health

The Five of Swords suggests that your health may be at risk due to stress or discord in your life. Aim to clear yourself of any conflict and learn to forgive and forget, releasing yourself of any negativity.

Journaling Prompts

- What am I fighting for (and why)?
- How can I lay down my sword and offer an apology?
- Do I believe in competition or collaboration?

Suggested Card Combinations

Five of Swords + Five of Cups – You are still harbouring regret and disappointment from the past. It's time to forgive, forget, and move forward.

Five of Swords + Nine of Cups reversed – You are acting out of greed and selfishness.

Five of Swords + Three of Pentacles reversed – Your relationships with your peers, subordinates and/or your superiors are strained. Listen more and seek to understand before being understood.

Five of Swords + Five of Pentacles – In your quest to be right all the time, you are isolating yourself from others and will eventually be excluded from those relationships.

Five of Swords + Seven of Wands – You have a 'me against the world' philosophy that is driving you to behave defensively.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The Five of Swords reversed speaks for those times when you've tried to argue to the end, only to realise that you'll lose no matter what. You've been pushing and pushing, but whoever is on the other end is not listening. And no doubt they feel the same. You're both fighting to win, at the expense of the other person. And when you're in this oppositional posture, you end up feeling awful – win or no win.

As a card of conflict, tension and disagreement, the Five of Swords reversed shows that you want this period of fighting to be over so you can forgive and forget, and then focus your energies on more constructive activities such as restoring your relationship back to normal. You realise that there can only be losers in this battle and want to move on.

At times, the Five of Swords reversed can express conflict in your life that you have tried to walk away from but which continues to follow you. For example, there may still be an ex in your life making things difficult and who may prevent you from moving on to new relationships. So long as conflict, tension and raw emotion are at play, avoid this person or situation.

Similarly, the reversed Five of Swords can suggest that an old wound has been re-opened and you are experiencing the fear and tension associated with that memory. You may be particularly worried that history might repeat itself or that you could be hurt again. Aim to forgive and forget so you can indeed move on.

There may be residual resentment following a recent or past argument with someone close to you. You have had some very challenging and heated conversations together, and you still harbour negative emotion from these discussions. If the conflict remains unresolved and unaddressed, it may be impacting your ability to create a harmonious relationship.

The Five of Swords reversed suggests that after a period of conflict, you are ready to move forward with your life and create positive change. Bring your energy back within and ground yourself. Come back to that beautiful, soulful person you are and ask yourself: how can I help create a win-win solution here? It may mean a compromise, or it might be time to move on with your life. This is your opportunity to apologise, ask for forgiveness, and make amends so you can move on and create a more fertile ground for new ideas and collaboration.

Suggested Card Combinations

Five of Swords reversed + Death – You are keen to make a fresh start with someone you have battled against, disagreed with, or disliked.

Five of Swords reversed + Judgement – After an argument with another person (or group), you realise that you are better off cooperating instead of fighting.

Five of Swords reversed + Three of Cups – After a falling out with your friends, you may finally come back together again and celebrate your renewed friendship.

SIX OF SWORDS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Transition, change, rite of passage, releasing baggage.

Reversed: Personal transition, resistance to change, unfinished business.

QUOTES

"Travelling is not just seeing the new; it is also leaving behind. Not just opening doors; also closing them behind you, never to return. But the place you have left forever is always there for you to see whenever you shut your eyes." – Jan Myrdal (author)

"I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving: To reach the port of heaven, we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor." – Oliver Wendell Holmes (author and poet)

"Dwell not on the past. Use it to illustrate a point, then leave it behind. Nothing really matters except what you do now in this instant of time. From this moment onwards you can be an entirely different person, filled with love and understanding, ready with an outstretched hand, uplifted and positive in every thought and deed." – Eileen Caddy (spiritual writer)

DESCRIPTION

The Six of Swords shows a woman and a young child being rowed across a body of water towards a nearby land. Her head is covered, suggesting sadness or loss as she moves away from something in her past. Her child nestles in close to her body, looking for safety and comfort as they make this journey together. In the boat stand six swords, suggesting that the woman and child are still carrying memories or baggage from their past into their future.

While the water on the right of the boat is turbulent, the sea ahead is tranquil. This imagery suggests that they are leaving behind a tumultuous situation, bound for a more peaceful and supportive environment.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Six of Swords shows that you are in a state of transition, leaving behind what was familiar and moving towards the unknown. You might be moving house, leaving a relationship, changing jobs, going through a rite of passage or a mental shift. This change may be your own doing or forced upon you, and you may feel sad to leave behind what is so familiar to you. However, you know this move is essential for your growth and personal development. The sadness over what you have lost (or released) will soon be replaced by greater mental clarity and a renewed acceptance of change. You will become a better person as a result.

The Six of Swords invites you to let go of whatever is holding you back, be it from your past or your present circumstances. Instead gaze ahead to your future and choose the way most in alignment with your Highest Good and long-term potential. You will need to make tough decisions and compromises along the way; see it as a rite of passage. You are headed towards a much better position in life, so long as you are willing to evolve and shed whatever you no longer need. Do not dwell on what gets left behind. Instead, use this as an opportunity for changing your beliefs about yourself, moving away from whom you used to be and towards whom you want to be.

Similarly, the Six of Swords asks you to reflect on any emotional or mental baggage you may carry as you move from one phase to the next. In the boat stand six upstanding swords – a sign you are still carrying a heavy weight from your past as you move forward, which might slow your personal growth. These 'swords' may be memories, relationships, habits, behaviours, thought patterns and beliefs that are no longer serving you. Decide what you need to take with you and what you can leave behind.

Career, Work and Finances

In a career reading, the Six of Swords indicates that you are going through a period of transition in your work. You may be leaving a job, leaving a familiar workplace or becoming more disenchanted with your current career. This transition is one you make reluctantly, and you may be saddened by what you must leave behind. However, you also know that you have made the right decision.

If you are looking for a job, you may be required to move interstate or travel frequently. This could be a tough choice, particularly if you have to leave family and friends behind.

If you are in a job, then you may be realising it's time to move on, particularly if your position is no longer engaging or motivating. Or maybe you'll just go for it: take a leap of faith and leave your job, even without something lined up for the future, to get yourself out of a bad situation. The Six of Swords encourages you to trust that something will rise to meet you.

Financially, the Six of Swords suggests that your circumstances are about to change and while you may need to make sacrifices along the way, you are heading towards a better financial future.

Personality Types

The Six of Swords personality may be someone who is going through a period of transition and is experiencing regret or sadness about what they must leave behind. She is often in a state of movement, from one place to the next, or from one phase to the next, discovering how to leave behind her past to welcome a brighter future ahead.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, the Six of Swords suggests that you may first need to focus your efforts on leaving behind a past relationship so you can embrace something (or someone) new. Or it could be that you'll have a better chance of finding love if you break free from your usual routines and push yourself outside your comfort zone.

If you are in a relationship, the Six of Swords advises that you may need to part ways for a short period as you pursue another goal that is important to you. This time apart will also give you both with the time and space to get clear on what you want from the relationship and your life together. You may miss your partner during this time, but this break is essential for your personal development.

Spirituality

The Six of Swords suggests that you must leave behind someone or something to reach a new state of consciousness and understanding. While you may be reluctant to move forward, doing so is vital for your spiritual development and will help you see the world from a different set of eyes. Be ready and willing to let go of what no longer serves you so you can continue to evolve into higher levels of consciousness.

Well-being and Health

The Six of Swords can mean that you need to change your lifestyle to improve your health. You may not be thrilled by the change (giving up coffee, alcohol, sugar, or a sedentary, relaxed lifestyle), but you know it will be an essential improvement to your health and wellbeing.

Journaling Prompts

- What am I leaving behind?
- What baggage am I carrying that I no longer need?
- What am I moving towards?

Suggested Card Combinations

Six of Swords + Tower – A major upheaval has forced you to move on to new territories. While it may be upsetting now, it will be for the better in the long run.

Six of Swords + World – Embarking on a major world trip will require you to leave behind friends and family, but it will also open the door to new experiences.

Six of Swords + Five of Cups – You are carrying a lot of disappointment, resentment and regret over a past situation but now is the time to move on.

Six of Swords + Nine of Swords – You are at risk of increased stress, anxiety and depression due to a worrying incident or situation.

Six of Swords + Ten of Wands – You are carrying a heavy burden on your shoulders and struggling just to get through each day.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

When the reversed Six of Swords shows up in a Tarot reading, you may be going through a personal or spiritual transition or rite of passage so you can leave behind a relationship, belief, or behavioural pattern that is no longer serving you. This is an intensely personal and private journey, and you are working in isolation to make it happen. You have identified what you must release to embrace a new way of thinking and are now bringing it to fruition in your personal life.

At times, the Six of Swords reversed indicates that you know you need to make a change or transition in your life but are reluctant to do so. You may hope that the issue will go away on its own and you won't need to wrangle with this difficult decision. Or you may try to fool yourself into thinking you can put up with it, even when you know deep in your heart it is time to move on. It is natural to want to avoid discomfort, but sometimes you must push beyond your comfort zone so you can evolve as a person. That discomfort can be a positive sign that growth is happening, so feel into that energy and let it encourage you to keep moving forward and expanding yourself.

In some cases, the reversed Six of Swords suggests that you are resisting change and

transition because you believe that it has been forced upon you or you were not included in the decision. For example, your partner may have to relocate for work, and you must go along with him or her. What is important is that you focus on the benefits of the transition rather than the drawbacks. Where can you look forward to something and get personal value out of it? Reaffirm to yourself why you need to make this transition and how it aligns with your own values.

If you are trying to move on from the past but struggle to do so, the Six of Swords reversed suggests that there may be unfinished business, unresolved conflict, or lessons which you need to understand before you can wholeheartedly move forward in your life. What is holding you back from making this crucial transition? Seek to resolve those issues. There may be moments when you doubt whether you are making the right decision in leaving behind your past, but this card gently encourages you forward, reminding you that you are heading towards a better future.

Suggested Card Combinations

Six of Swords reversed + Chariot reversed – You feel as if a change has been thrust upon you and worry that you have little control over your destiny at this time.

Six of Swords reversed + Death reversed – You are resisting necessary change in your life and not coming to terms with the fact that one chapter must end for a new one to begin.

Six of Swords reversed + Three of Swords – A painful break-up continues to hang over you and moving on from it is difficult.

SEVEN OF SWORDS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Betrayal, deception, getting away with something, acting strategically.

Reversed: Imposter syndrome, self-deceit, keeping secrets.

QUOTES

"A lie told often enough becomes the truth." – Lenin

"There are plenty of recommendations on how to get out of trouble cheaply and fast. Most of them come down to this: Deny your responsibility." – Lyndon Baines Johnson (US President)

"He that pursues fame with just claims, trusts his happiness to the winds; but he that endeavours after it by false merit, has to fear, not only the violence of the storm but the leaks of his vessel." – Samuel Johnson (author)

"With lies you may get ahead in the world—but you can never go back." – Russian proverb

DESCRIPTION

The Seven of Swords shows a man sneaking away from a military camp with five swords in his arms. He looks over his shoulder at the two upright swords he has left behind. The smile on his face suggests that he is proud of himself for having slipped away without being noticed.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

Traditionally, the Seven of Swords indicates theft, betrayal, deception and trickery. You may be trying to get away with something and are sneaking around behind other people's backs, hoping to go undetected. If you are lucky, you might get away with your secret intact. But if you are unlucky, others will soon find out what you have done, causing you shame and embarrassment. Be aware that any time you use cunning or deception to gain an advantage over someone or something else, you are at risk of being found out. And even if you are not, the cover-up will require a tremendous amount of effort, and it may not be worth it.

Alternatively, you may be the victim of someone else's betrayal. Others are not being candid with you, and you may be unaware of their lies and deception. You may trust someone who then turns out to be running their own agenda, leaving you high and dry. Look out for any sneaky behaviour and listen to your intuition when something does not feel right or seems too good to be true.

On a more positive note, the Seven of Swords points out that you need to be strategic in what you do. You know you cannot do everything at once – nor should you. Instead, you must prioritise what's important to you and direct your focus and attention on the few tasks that will move you closer to your goals. It's the 80-20 rule: 20% of your work will account for 80% of your results, so focus on the 20%. You may be able to accept some responsibilities or duties, but not all of them. Or you may say 'yes' to some projects at the expense of others.

The Seven of Swords also suggests that you may need to use shortcuts or the 'backdoor' to get what you want. Rather than dutifully following the process, you may need to find ways to resolve your problem quickly so you can move towards your goals. For example, if you missed out getting into your preferred course, you might write a letter to the Dean or draw on your networks to get a mid-year entry. You may need to think on your feet and act in a way that isn't exactly all 'above board.'

At times the Seven of Swords suggests that you may need to put yourself first to get what you want, even if it means letting others down or putting others off-side. For example, you may be asked to travel for work to attend a high-profile event, but it would mean missing your child's birthday, so you decline the travel opportunity, even though you know it will upset your boss. Here's the thing: you can't be everything to everyone, and sometimes you need to put your own needs and priorities first, even if others may not agree with you or understand where you are coming from.

The Seven of Swords could also imply that you are trying to escape from a situation that is not working for you anymore rather than dealing with it head-on. You may attempt to run away from commitment, responsibility, hard work or love. You may procrastinate, letting problems slip and become worse because you do not want to deal with them. Sometimes you just have to face what has to be faced.

Career, Work and Finances

In a career reading, the Seven of Swords speaks to a temptation to take shortcuts and often reflects getting away with something that is easy… but not necessarily right. You may hit your targets and earn substantial profits from your business, but those gains come at an ethical cost. For example, you might buy goods or services at a cheap rate and then sell them with a huge markup, lining your pockets but shortchanging the producers. Sure, you've found a quick way to make money, but is it sustainable and fair to others?

Similarly, be attentive to your colleagues' motivations. There is a risk here that others have hidden agendas or may be engaged in deceptive or secretive behaviour. As such, you will, unfortunately, need to be less trusting of others and do a little investigating of your own behind the scenes.

In a financial reading, the Seven of Swords reflects deception and betrayal, so you need to investigate all of your current and planned financial investments to make sure no one is trying to take advantage of you. Ensure you have contracts in place and that you know what is happening to your money. Now is not the time to let your guard down.

Personality Types

Seven of Swords personalities are shrewd, secretive, and strategic. They may even be unscrupulous and deceptive. This type is often perceived as a con artist, cheat, thief or criminal. However, smarter Seven of Swords personalities will use their innate knowledge of a situation or task at hand to find the quickest or the easiest path to success. This Seven reminds me of the high-profile author and lifestyle designer, Tim Ferriss, who became a national kickboxing champion within weeks by discovering a little-known loophole in the rules. In fact, he uses many similar high-efficiency techniques to create the most value and success out of the shortest time investment.

Relationships and Love

The Seven of Swords in a relationship reading is often indicative of deception and betrayal, usually in the form of a cheating partner. It may be your partner who is going behind your back and cheating on you – or you are cheating on your partner, knowing that what you are doing is morally wrong but hoping you do not get caught.

However, this card does not always indicate another relationship or affair. It may also suggest that your partner is not telling you the complete truth about their activities and is trying to get away with not being found out. If you are involved with a married man or woman, the Seven of Swords reminds you that the relationship is unlikely to reach its full potential because your partner has never been 100 percent available to you. Instead, you have had to sneak around to be with him or her. This secrecy is tough to maintain for an extended period and will take its toll on you (if it hasn't already). You would like for this relationship to be

more legitimate and something you can be more open about.

If your relationship has recently ended, the Seven of Swords suggests that a high level of sneaky behaviour led to the end of the relationship. You may or may not know of the full scope of what your ex was up to as he or she has not been honest with you; if you were to find out, you might be shocked.

Spirituality

In a spiritual reading, the Seven of Swords warns that you need to be extremely careful of false spiritual leaders or 'gurus' who may encourage you down a particular path only to cheat you out of your money or your soul. Be careful not to engage with potential scammers or tricksters, especially if you are in a vulnerable state.

Well-being and Health

You may be tempted to take shortcuts in your health regimen, perhaps by sneaking in a couple of beers or cigarettes and hoping that no one will notice. You might get away with it in the beginning, but this behaviour will catch up with you and hurt your health in the long run.

Journaling Prompts

- Who do I trust? Who don't I trust?
- What do I need to say 'no' to?
- How can I be more sincere and authentic in my life?

Suggested Card Combinations

Seven of Swords + Devil – You are trying to break free of an addiction or dependency, such as drugs, alcohol or harmful relationships.

Seven of Swords + Justice – Be careful if you are acting unethically as you are likely to be caught out. Justice will be served.

Seven of Swords + Nine of Swords – Constant lies and sneaking around has you stressed and anxious. This behaviour is doing you much more harm than good.

Seven of Swords + Three of Cups reversed – A possible indication of a cheating partner, or that you are the one in an affair with an already committed partner.

Seven of Swords + Five of Pentacles – You may have been swindled out of your money, leaving you with minimal financial reserves.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The Seven of Swords often appears reversed when you feel like a fraud and are suffering from 'imposter syndrome'. You may doubt yourself and your abilities. For example, if you have started a new business, you may ask yourself, 'Who am I to be doing this?' Know that this is fear talking. Get out of your head and trust that you have everything you need to make your new venture a success.

Similarly, the Seven of Swords reversed can suggest that you are deceiving yourself, trying to trick yourself into believing something even though it is out of integrity with your true self. You may attempt to fool yourself that everything is okay when it is not. Now is the time to get real with where you are and confront your situation head-on.

As a card of inner deceit, the reversed Seven of Swords represents keeping secrets hidden from others. You may be harbouring a dark secret that you hope will never be revealed. Keeping this secret may bring you stress and tension, along with deeper feelings of guilt and shame. While the thought of confessing may be horrifying, it will free you from the negative emotions you are experiencing. First forgive yourself, then confide in someone you trust. You will no doubt feel much lighter as a result.

If you are involved in an affair or extra-marital relationship, the reversed Seven of Swords shows a growing reluctance to keep up the charade. You or your partner may feel increasingly uncomfortable with this relationship and would much rather come out in the open.

Suggested Card Combinations

Seven of Swords reversed + Judgement – Take a good look at yourself and make the changes you know you need. These shifts will bring about a more positive transformation.

Seven of Swords reversed + Ace of Swords – It is time to come clean and tell the truth about a situation where you may have been acting unethically.

EIGHT OF SWORDS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Negative thoughts, self-imposed restriction, imprisonment, victim mentality.

Reversed: Self-limiting beliefs, inner critic, releasing negative thoughts, open to new perspectives.

QUOTES

"Don't limit yourself. Many people limit themselves to what they think they can do. You can go as far as your mind lets you. What you believe, remember, you can achieve." - Mary Kay Ash (Founder, Mary Kay Cosmetics)

"When we change our perception we gain control. The stress becomes a challenge, not a threat. When we commit to action, to actually doing something rather than feeling trapped by events, the stress in our life becomes manageable." – Greg Anderson (author)

"Remember: We all get what we tolerate. So stop tolerating excuses within yourself, limiting beliefs of the past, or half-assed or fearful states." - Tony Robbins (motivational speaker)

DESCRIPTION

The Eight of Swords shows a woman bound and blindfolded. Eight swords surround her, seemingly trapping her in place, a symbol of the limiting thoughts, beliefs and mindset that prevent her from moving forward in her life. However, look closer: if the woman removed her blindfold, she would quickly realise that she can escape her predicament by letting go of her limiting beliefs and establishing a new, more empowered mindset. The water pooled at her feet suggests that her intuition might see what her eyes cannot.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Eight of Swords reveals that you feel trapped and restricted by your circumstances. You believe your options are limited with no clear path out. You might be in an unfulfilling job, an abusive relationship, a significant amount of debt or a situation way out of alignment with your inner being. You are now trapped between a rock and a hard place, with no resolution available. However, take note that the woman in the card is not entirely imprisoned by the eight swords around her, and if she wanted to escape, she could. She merely needs to remove the blindfold and free herself from the self-imposed bindings that hold her back.

When the Eight of Swords appears in a Tarot reading, it comes as a warning that your thoughts and beliefs are no longer serving you. You may be over-thinking things, creating negative patterns or limiting yourself by only considering the worst-case scenario. The more you think about the situation, the more you feel stuck and without any options. It is time to get out of your head and let go of those thoughts and beliefs holding you back. As you change your thoughts, you change your reality. Replace negative thoughts with positive ones, and you will start to create a more favourable situation for yourself.

The Eight of Swords assures you there is a way out of your current predicament – you just need a new perspective. You already have the resources you need, but it is up to you to use those resources in a way that serves you. Others may be offering you help, or there may be an alternative solution you haven't yet fully explored. Be open to finding the answer rather than getting stuck on the problem.

The Eight of Swords is often associated with a victim mentality. You surrendered your power to an external entity, allowing yourself to become trapped and limited in some way. You may feel that it isn't your fault – you have been placed here against your will. You may feel like the victim, waiting to be rescued, but is this energy serving you? If not, it is imperative you take back your power and personal accountability and open your eyes to the options in front of you. The fact is you do have choices, even if you do not like them. You are not powerless.

At times, the Eight of Swords indicates that you are confused about whether you should stay or go, particularly if you are in a challenging situation. It is not as clear-cut as you would like, making the decision very difficult. You have one foot in, hoping things can work out, but your other foot is out the door, ready to leave. The trouble is that you worry either option could lead to negative consequences, and so you remain stuck where you are. Again, this card is asking you to get out of your head and drop down into your gut and your intuition so you can hear your inner guidance. Your thoughts are not serving you right now, but your intuition is. Trust yourself.

Career, Work and Finances

In a career reading, the Eight of Swords indicates that you have a limited (or restricted) perspective of your career. Do you catch yourself thinking 'inside the box'? Do you adhere to outdated approaches because 'that's how it's always been done'? Do you feel stuck in a job you dislike? You need to free yourself of these preconceived ideas holding you back. Open your mind to new possibilities! Explore uncharted territories. You have more freedom than you realise.

In a financial reading, the Eight of Swords suggests that you are in debt or at the mercy of some very tight controls over how you earn, save or spend your money. If you are in debt, you are beginning to feel trapped and uncertain about how to get yourself out of it. Seek the help of a financial planner or debt counsellor.

Personality Types

Eight of Swords personalities often portray themselves as victims, trapped and restricted by factors they presume to be outside their control. They struggle to see their way out of a problematic situation and avoid taking accountability for where they are now and what they can do about it. This Eight is someone who is also reluctant to listen to others' advice or feedback, preferring to project a sense of powerlessness and inability to change the current situation. This can be very frustrating for those who are more action-oriented and who typically take personal accountability for their lives.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, the Eight of Swords suggests you may be confining yourself to only certain types of partners or relationships: "Oh, he must have a good job, earn lots of money and drive a nice car." "She must be at least 170 centimetres tall with long hair." Be careful that you're not trapping yourself in a corner by adhering to these rigid criteria. Ask whether you are setting yourself up for failure by creating unrealistic expectations.

If you are with someone, it is likely that the relationship is not doing you any favours. You may feel bound to your partner, led to believe that this is the best you deserve. There may also be some sort of abuse occurring, be it physical or emotional. You may think that there is no escape, worried that you will have nothing if you leave the relationship, but you need to think carefully about the long-term impact. Being in an unhealthy relationship is much worse than being alone. Might you be better off without this person in your life?

Spirituality

The Eight of Swords can suggest you are trapped in your thinking, particularly when it comes to your spiritual beliefs. You may have been convinced that a particular spiritual path is the

only way to go. Be mindful of the ideas you internalize and how they impact your thinking.

Well-being and Health

The Eight of Swords in a health and well-being reading points towards the mind/body connection. You must look at the relationship between your thoughts and expectations and your physical health. If you are filled with anxiety or feel restricted or victimised, this is likely to play out in your physical health. Concentrate on reducing any negative patterns, and you will likely see a positive impact on your well-being.

Journaling Prompts

- In what ways do I play the role of victim?
- What alternative solutions are available to me?
- What thoughts and beliefs are no longer serving me?

Suggested Card Combinations

Eight of Swords + Devil – You are trapped in a co-dependent relationship, addiction or dependency of some sort.

Eight of Swords + Moon – Confusion and illusion surround you. Dig deep into your subconscious mind to free yourself.

Eight of Swords + Judgement reversed – You are failing to take personal accountability and must accept that you are here because of the decisions you made.

Eight of Swords + Ten of Swords – You have adopted a victim mentality and perceive yourself as powerless and defeated.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The Eight of Swords reversed suggests that limiting self-beliefs plague you, preventing you from moving forward. You may tell yourself that you do not deserve to be wealthy, preventing yourself from receiving financial abundance even if it's offered to you. Or you might conclude you are too old to lose weight, leaving you unhappy with your body and your health. The beliefs you hold about yourself are preventing you from achieving your personal goals. In light of this, change your belief system. Catch yourself when you are in a negative thought pattern and break the cycle.

The Eight of Swords reversed also suggests that you are more prone to negative self-talk and

suffering at the hands of your inner critic. You feel trapped because every time you try to do something, your inner critic tells you why it's wrong or not good enough – so you give up trying altogether.

The reversed Eight of Swords signals that skeletons in the closet need clearing out. Allow yourself to let go of the old patterns of behaviour and belief systems holding you back.

On the positive side, when the Eight of Swords appears reversed, it can show that you are releasing yourself from negative patterns and belief systems. You can see the light at the end of the tunnel, and you can create a more positive reality for yourself by letting go of those self-limiting beliefs. You made it through a difficult time, and you are more open to change and self-acceptance. Reflect on what worked in the past and changed your perspective and approach. Acknowledge the options in front of you and refuse to play the role of the victim, taking greater accountability for where you are in life.

Suggested Card Combinations

Eight of Swords reversed + Death – You are willing to sever ties with the past and start anew.

Eight of Swords reversed + Chariot – Instead of crumbling in the face of adversity, you are grabbing the bull by the horns and steering yourself in the direction you want.

NINE OF SWORDS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Anxiety, worry, fear, depression, nightmares.

Reversed: Inner turmoil, deep-seated fears, secrets, releasing worry.

QUOTES

"The task of worrying is to come up with positive solutions for life's perils by anticipating dangers before they arise. If we are preoccupied by worries, we have much less attention to expend on figuring out the answers. Our worries become self-fulfilling prophecies, propelling us toward the very disaster they predict." – Daniel Goleman (author and psychologist)

"If you look into your own heart, and you find nothing wrong there, what is there to fear?" – Confucius

"Anxiety does not empty tomorrow of its sorrows but only empties today of its strength." – Charles Haddon Spurgeon (Baptist preacher)

DESCRIPTION

The Nine of Swords shows a woman sitting up in her bed with her head in her hands. She appears to have been jolted awake from a terrible nightmare that has left her disturbed, scared and anxious. Nine swords hang on the dark wall behind her, representing the negative thoughts that weigh heavily on her mind. The base of the woman's bed features a carving of one person defeating another, and roses and the outlines of astrological symbols adorn the quilt wrapped around her.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Nine of Swords suggests that dark thoughts and disturbing feelings are weighing you down (and keeping you up at night). You are worrying excessively about a situation, and your negative thoughts are getting the better of you, leaving you stressed and anxious. The more you associate with your fears, the more they will rule your life. As you obsess over what's not working, the more anxious you become and the more you will worry. It becomes a negative cycle where one awful thought leads to another, and another, and another until they overwhelm you. Just as the nine swords are stacked upon each other on the wall, so too are your negative thoughts.

Be careful because the fear and worry in the Nine of Swords can become a self-fulfilling prophecy. As you obsess over what may go wrong, you are more likely to manifest your worst-case scenario because you are inadvertently acting in ways that support your negative thoughts. For example, you may worry that your partner will cheat on you, even though you've found no signs of infidelity. The more you stress about this potential outcome, the more your anxiety pushes away your partner, until one day, he feels so disconnected from you that he starts a new relationship with someone else. When you are repeating negative thoughts in your mind, you run the risk of manifesting them in your life. So, the Nine of Swords asks you to break the cycle. Every time a negative emotion comes up, replace it with a positive one instead.

The Nine of Swords reminds you that much of the fear and worry you are experiencing is in your head and not necessarily an accurate reflection of what is happening around you. You may make things worse for yourself by over-thinking or obsessing over the worst-case scenarios. It is time to examine your situation from a new perspective. Instead of looking for evidence of what is going wrong, put your attention on what is going right. Take a deep breath and realise that life is not as dreadful as it seems and that the more you worry, the more harm you are doing to yourself.

The Nine of Swords often crops up when worry, despair, and anxiety are quite literally keeping you up at night. You may not be sleeping well, or you are experiencing frequent nightmares. Your constant thoughts are preventing you from resting.

When the Nine of Swords appears in a reading, it is time to reach out for help. You don't need to do this alone – enlist the support of others to help you get through this dark period of your life. Others will help you to see the light at the end of the tunnel and lead you towards a solution or a sense of peace despite your troubles. You are struggling to look at your situation clearly, as you are plagued by negative thoughts, so having an objective, third-party perspective will help you find your way out.

Career, Work and Finances

In a career reading, the Nine of Swords sees you getting very worked up over a particular issue at work, causing yourself great anxiety and stress. Remember that it is just a job. Even if you have made a significant mistake, the fallout will soon be forgotten, and you will see that things are not as bad as they seem.

If you are searching for work, you may receive several rejections over the coming weeks and months. Do not let it get you down. Pick yourself up each time and convince yourself that you still deserve a great job.

In a financial reading, you may be distressed about your financial status and whether you can sustain your current way of living. You may have lost your job or a source of income, placing pressure on you and your family. Instead of worrying, map out your income and expenditures to work out where you may need to make modifications.

Personality Types

Nine of Swords personalities are worriers. They are often engrossed in the worst-case scenario, fretting about what might happen or how bad a problem has become. They often live in a state of high drama and allow their stressors to build and build – and they will readily draw you into it. Trying to point out an upside is typically a fruitless proposition; these Nines don't want to hear it.

A negative self-perception typically hangs over Nine of Swords personalities as they regularly put themselves down or engage in glum self-talk. You may hear phrases such as, 'I'm no good at anything,' or, 'I am such a failure.' You can help by reassuring them that they have unique talents and opportunities hidden amongst the failures. Just make sure you don't get sucked into their gloom and doom.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, you may be feeling anxious that you have not found someone yet. Unfortunately, this fear can create a downward spiral. As you worry more and more about not finding someone, you spend more of your time worrying than you do looking for love. Break that cycle! Use positive affirmations to focus your energy on your ability to draw love into your life and connect with other human beings.

If you are in a relationship, the Nine of Swords suggests that you are questioning yourself and the relationship; in fact, you may be downright unhappy or feeling trapped and losing sleep over it. You need to release some of this stress, perhaps by talking about it with a close friend or even a psychologist. Alternatively, you may conclude that you need to free yourself from this torment and end the relationship.

Spirituality

In a spiritual reading, the Nine of Swords reflects that you have hit one of your darkest moments and are feeling stressed and anxious about life. Instead of continuing down this path of worry and inner torment, it is time to change the cycle and bring greater positivity and faith into your life. Now may be an opportune time to re-engage in your spiritual practise or meditation to bring about a state of calm and relaxation to your inner mind.

Well-being and Health

In a health and well-being reading, the Nine of Swords points to high levels of stress, anxiety and depression in your life. You are not happy with your present situation or yourself, and while you would like things to work out for the better, you do not know how to make this happen.

You may also be experiencing nightmares and insomnia, mainly because of fears and anxieties playing on your mind. Those fears, if not confronted and understood, can lead to obsession, compulsion, paranoia or physical illness. We all have a dark side that must be acknowledged.

Journaling Prompts

- What is troubling me? Is it real or perceived?
- How are my negative thoughts affecting my day-to-day experience?
- How can I look at my circumstances from a different, more positive perspective?

Suggested Card Combinations

Nine of Swords + Hermit – You need to turn to your 'higher power' to overcome your inner turmoil. Meditate on your own to rediscover your spirituality.

Nine of Swords + Wheel of Fortune – The anguish or depression you are experiencing is part of a broader cycle of life. Find reassurance in the knowledge that things will get better.

Nine of Swords + Star – All is not lost. A ray of hope or a lifeline will help pull you out of your depression and anguish.

Nine of Swords + Ace of Swords – After a period of stress and worry, a new opportunity will help you see things from a different (more positive) angle.

Nine of Swords + Three of Swords – A recent heartbreak or loss has left you unnerved and depressed. Know that you will heal from these painful wounds.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The Nine of Swords reversed shows that you are experiencing deep inner turmoil as a result of your mindset. Your negative thoughts are taking you in a downward spiral of despair and anxiety that contradicts reality; you are making things feel much worse than they really are.

You may try to keep your worries private and personal to you, but if you are struggling to keep your head above water, it may now be time to confide in others and seek their help and support. Others will offer you a new perspective, or even just a place to vent, that will ease some of the stress and tension.

The Nine of Swords reversed appears when you are gripped by fear. You are allowing your fears to impede your fullest potential and it is stripping you of your life force. You cannot take a step forward because you are so distressed about what might happen. Get a reality check and evaluate which fears are warranted, and which are not. Release your limiting beliefs, crippling fears, and self-doubt.

The reversed Nine of Swords can also point out that you are incredibly hard on yourself, putting yourself down or engaging in negative self-talk. So, when the Nine of Swords reversed appears in a reading, ask yourself why you are so hard on yourself. How are you putting yourself down, and what is the source of your depression? What can you do to make yourself feel better? You may need to make a more conscious effort to quit the negative self-talk and replace it with positive reinforcement for a job well done.

On a more positive note, the Nine of Swords reversed can show that you have already worked through this period of worry and depression and are making a recovery. You may have come to the realisation that things are not as bad as you made them out to be, and you are beginning to relax and calm yourself about what was once a terrifying situation.

Suggested Card Combinations

Nine of Swords reversed + Moon reversed – You are using this time to work through your deeper anxieties and fears, releasing yourself from their torment. Take heart! Everything will be okay.

Nine of Swords reversed + Judgement – A recent awakening has shown you that there is a way forward, as long as you take personal accountability for your thoughts and attitude.

TEN OF SWORDS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Painful endings, deep wounds, betrayal, loss, crisis.

Reversed: Recovery, regeneration, resisting an inevitable end.

QUOTES

"The traveller has reached the end of the journey! In the freedom of the infinite he is free from all sorrows, the fetters that bound him are thrown away, and the burning fever of life is no more." – Dhammapada (Buddhist collection of moral aphorism)

"It is a curious sensation: the sort of pain that goes mercifully beyond our powers of feeling. When your heart is broken, your boats are burned: nothing matters any more. It is the end of happiness and the beginning of peace." – George Bernard Shaw (dramatist)

"Many a man has finally succeeded only because he has failed after repeated efforts. If he had never met defeat he would never have known any great victory." – Orison Swett Marden (author)

DESCRIPTION

The Ten of Swords shows a man lying face down, apparently dead, with ten swords in his back. A red cape drapes over the lower half of his body as a sign of dignity as he leaves this world. While the dark sky is ominous, the sun is rising on the horizon, bringing a renewed sense of hope and opportunity. The calm sea in the background also brings solace, suggesting that even in times of darkness, there is a sense of peace and calm to be found.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Ten of Swords marks a painful yet inevitable ending. For example, a relationship may come to an abrupt end, your job may be cut, or a contract is broken. It is as if this ending has come out of the blue and rocked your world. You could have never expected it, but now it has happened, cutting to the core and leaving you feeling as if the world has crumbled in around you. You are grieving the pain of this shocking loss and wonder if you will ever love or find work or trust again.

When the Ten of Swords appears in a Tarot reading, you may be the victim of another person's betrayal or deceit. You feel as if you have been stabbed in the back and are reeling from someone else's actions. Your partner may have cheated on you, a colleague may spread nasty rumours about you, or a family member has betrayed your trust. The pain inflicted runs deep not because what they have done is hurtful, but because you know deep down that this marks the end of your relationship as you know it with them. Along with feeling the pain, you may grieve the loss of the relationship.

The Ten of Swords can suggest that you are taking on the role of 'victim' hoping others will pity you and save you from despair. You cannot change the actions of another person, but you can change how you respond. Even if you have been harmed or betrayed, you now have a choice to pick yourself up and move forward with your life, rather than falling down in a heap hoping someone will take pity on you.

In that way, the Ten of Swords is about letting go and accepting your current circumstances. You no longer resist change but allow it to happen, even if it causes initial pain and hurt to you. You recognise that there must be a change to facilitate renewal, and you allow it to occur rather than fighting it.

The good news is that the Ten of Swords marks the final ordeal – no more pain will come to you from that source. The hour is darkest before dawn, and you must experience the full impact of what has happened before you can move forward and start over. Is it going to be easy? No. But, will this ordeal last forever? No.

Pick yourself up off the ground and reflect upon what happened to you and why, and what you can learn from the experience. When you do this, the hurt and pain will fade, and you will soon see why all of this needed to happen so that you can evolve into your fullest potential. The pain and hurt you have endured have not gone without purpose. Use the positive power within you to learn from your pain and draw wisdom from defeat.

Career, Work and Finances

In a career reading, the Ten of Swords can mean a sudden ending to your job or a project you are working on. It will be painful and upsetting and is likely to come as a shock. It may be

the loss of a job through restructuring and/or redundancy, particularly after a long period of loyalty and service to your company. While you are upset, this ending is a blessing in disguise as it will open the door to new opportunities.

In a financial reading, the Ten of Swords suggests an investment or savings plan topples over. For example, a company you have invested in may go bankrupt and cannot pay you what you are owed, or shares may drop suddenly and drastically. Someone may also cheat you out of a lot of money by backstabbing you or not living up to their end of a bargain.

Personality Types

The Ten of Swords personality type can be melodramatic and fatalistic, living in a world full of loss, pain or hardship. You will rarely hear about what is going right but will always hear about what has gone wrong – each time worse than the time before.

Sometimes, Ten of Swords personalities need understanding and compassion, especially if they slip into this low-vibe state only once in a while. However, if they are often down, they need encouragement to stop seeing themselves as the victim or the martyr, and instead, embrace the changes sweeping through their lives.

Relationships and Love

If you are currently unattached, the Ten of Swords suggests you have suffered a very recent loss or have been through a tough break-up. Your wounds are deep, and you still experience the pain suffered from this upsetting event. As such, it may be better to focus your energy on healing rather than finding a new love.

In a relationship reading, unfortunately, the Ten of Swords suggests that the relationship, or at least an essential component, is about to come to a painful end. There may be a lack of closure, too, as you struggle to understand why it has ended so suddenly. The Ten of Swords carries a sense of finality, so reconciliation is unlikely – and frankly, you may not want it anyway. Focus on healing your wounds and embracing the change as a positive event in the long run.

Spirituality

Spiritual enlightenment comes from using your mental and spiritual powers for good – and this is the real lesson of the Ten of Swords. This card is the ultimate teacher as it shows you how to learn from your failures and mistakes so you can continue to evolve as a human being.

You also need to know that the worst is over. Though your hopes and dreams of the past may be dashed, new ones will arise in time.

Well-being and Health

The Ten of Swords can quite literally mean surgery (given all those swords cutting into the man lying face down) or chronic back pain (given those swords go into his back). It can also warn that your health may take a turn for the worse or you will receive bad news about your health.

From a psychological perspective, the Ten of Swords suggests that you have suffered a devastating loss in your life. If words cannot comfort, a wound this deep may require professional help.

Journaling Prompts

- What is coming to a close in my life?
- What can I learn from these painful endings?
- What new opportunities are emerging?

Suggested Card Combinations

Ten of Swords + Wheel of Fortune – Remember that all situations change. Blessings become challenges and challenges become blessings. Although you have suffered a loss, things will get better.

Ten of Swords + Hanged Man – You are playing the martyr and making significant sacrifices for the apparent good of others.

Ten of Swords + Death – A major chapter has closed in your life, making way for new beginnings.

Ten of Swords + Tower – The impact of the loss you suffered is significant but with this destruction will come new creation.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The Ten of Swords reversed indicates that you are combating an inevitable change or ending because you are not ready to face up to what is happening. However, the more you resist, the more this situation will continue to drag on, so it's time to rip off the bandage (however painful that might be) and get this over with so you can start fresh. Trust that everything is happening for a reason and even though it may be difficult to understand what you are going through, know it is leading to your personal growth and regeneration in the long-term.

Similarly, the Ten of Swords reversed may represent an old situation that ended badly. You are still carrying around wounds from it but have buried them so deeply that you do not realise they are still present (and hurting you). These old pains need to be dealt with once and for all. It may be difficult to delve back in, but it's the only way to release yourself of this pain and allow it to pass from your life.

The reversed Ten of Swords encourages you to re-evaluate your circumstances and let go of any aspect of your life that is no longer serving you. Rather than dwelling on your painful past, it is essential to look ahead and realise how these events free you up to reshape your life and choose a new direction for yourself. You can free yourself of your past and create a new sense of self.

Finally, the Ten of Swords reversed can appear as a welcome sign that the pain and sadness you have been feeling is ending. When upside-down, the swords in the man's back look to be falling out, releasing him of the pain and hurt he has been suffering. You are releasing the memories of the past and allowing yourself the opportunity to move forward with a sense of renewal and hope for the future.

Suggested Card Combinations

Ten of Swords reversed + Judgement – It is important to embrace change. See these endings as a chance to re-evaluate your life and your priorities.

Ten of Swords reversed + Five of Cups – You are still hurting from a past loss or disappointment and need to face this emotional pain head-on to heal.

Ten of Swords reversed + Seven of Swords – You are trying to dodge or postpone an inevitable ending – and you think you are getting away with it – but it will still find you.

PAGE OF SWORDS

KEYWORDS

Upright: New ideas, curiosity, thirst for knowledge, new ways of communicating.

Reversed: Self-expression, all talk and no action, haphazard action, haste.

QUOTES

"I could not, at any age, be content to take my place by the fireside and simply look on. Life was meant to be lived. Curiosity must be kept alive. One must never, for whatever reason, turn his back on life." – Eleanor Roosevelt (United Nations diplomat)

"The immature mind hops from one thing to another; the mature mind seeks to follow through." – Harry A. Overstreet (social psychologist)

"The thoughts that come often unsought, and, as it were, drop into the mind, are commonly the most valuable of any we have." – John Locke (philosopher and physician)

DESCRIPTION

The Page of Swords shows a young man standing with his sword pointing upwards to the sky. His body and the sword lean in one direction, but he looks the other way as if to see what else is happening around him. A breeze blows through the young man's hair, and the clouds behind him appear to dash through the sky, bringing dynamic energy to the card. The ground on which the Page stands is green and fertile, suggesting that the Page's ideas are likely to bring positive change and forward movement.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Page of Swords is full of energy, passion and enthusiasm. When this card shows up in a Tarot reading, you are bursting with new ideas and plans for the future. You may be excited about starting a new project, pursuing a new approach or learning something new. You have so much energy that you feel as though you could do almost anything – and you can! The challenge, however, is whether you can keep it up. As with all Pages, the beginning always looks promising, but you need something else to follow through and keep up the pace.

The Page of Swords often emerges when you are exploring a new way of thinking – a new idea, a new perspective, new knowledge, or a new technique. You have a curious mind and a thirst for knowledge. As you explore this fresh way of thinking, you are asking lots of questions and gathering as much information as possible. You are also very much in the exploratory phase and not mastery. You may be prone to making mistakes along the way, but your curiosity means that you are eager to learn from your slip-ups.

As the Swords relate to communication, the Page of Swords suggests that you are exploring a different way of expressing yourself with others and communicating your ideas and opinions. You may be drawn to public speaking, writing a book or a blog, starting a podcast, or being more vocal on social media. You are a natural communicator and ready to take the next step to share your message with the world. Again, this is the exploratory phase, so be open to new ways of expressing yourself and discovering where your inner talents lie.

If you are looking for a sign to move ahead with a new project, the Page of Swords says, 'Go for it!' There will always be challenges with whatever way you choose, and not everyone will be thrilled with your choices, but when it comes down to it, you need to follow your passions and go where your true energy lies. This Page encourages you to move forward and to get the wheels in motion, despite any challenges or setbacks that might stand in the way.

The Page of Swords can also represent your relationship with a person who is exploring their ability to communicate, share ideas, and gather information. You may have your moments with this Page, as the Swords often express a level of tension or conflict, and this bundle of energy may sometimes prove too much to handle. If you need to, give yourself a break from this person, and return with fresh eyes. They have a lot to share with you, and despite their inexperience, may teach you something about yourself. You need to stay open to their enthusiasm to learn more about the world.

Career, Work and Finances

In a work-related reading, the Page of Swords may represent you or one of your colleagues. It shows someone who is eager to learn more, to share ideas and to communicate their observations and insights. If you are new to your work or your industry, then this Page suggests

that you approach your work with energy and enthusiasm. If you are well-experienced, then this Page may represent a new employee, such as a trainee or graduate, who is looking to you for inspiration and knowledge. This could reflect a positive mentoring relationship.

If you're in the midst of a job hunt or contemplating a new path, the Page of Swords notes your strong desire to communicate and express your ideas to the broader community. Keep in mind, however, that you have yet to build up experience, so while confidence is a good thing, be sure you take the advice of those who are more experienced or knowledgeable.

In a finance reading, the Page of Swords shows that you are enthusiastically pursuing a new financial opportunity that relies on your intellect and knowledge. For example, you may be inspired to enter an online business or learn more about network marketing to generate more income. Again, keep in mind that you are new to this area and while you may feel compelled to take risks, it often helps to ground yourself before proceeding forward.

Personality Types

The Page of Swords personality is someone whose mind is running non-stop, looking at things from different angles and trying to understand how everything works. He loves asking 'Why?' and every answer leads to yet another "Why?". While it can be exhausting to deal with a Page of Swords personality, these people are usually brilliant with keen insight. They communicate well, both verbally and in writing, and their natural curiosity fuels their mental activity. Sometimes they may seem silent or withdrawn when they are, in fact, sizing up a situation, gathering information and processing it before they feel comfortable enough to speak. When they do finally talk, they will dazzle you with their newfound discoveries and insights.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, the Page of Swords shows a very enthusiastic and proactive attitude centred on putting yourself out there and getting to know as many people as possible. You are prepared to engage in conversations with other people and learn more about them by asking lots of questions. You are also looking for discussions that go beyond the typical "What do you do for a living?" to something more profound and insightful.

Bear in mind, though, that the Page of Swords loves to talk, so watch that you do not spend the whole date talking about yourself! The Page of Swords may also represent someone you have recently met who shares these qualities.

If you are in a relationship, then the Page of Swords suggests that the relationship is relatively new and you are enjoying the lively conversations and idea sharing associated with this relationship. The relationship is bursting with energy and enthusiasm – of course, the key will be to sustain that energy long term. The Page of Swords may even represent a young family member who is influencing a relationship, particularly if kids are involved.

Spirituality

The Page of Swords sees you investing time and energy into learning more about different spiritual systems. You have a keen thirst for knowledge and are ready to apply this to a new spiritual source. Explore the belief systems that interest you and keep an open mind.

Well-being and Health

In a health reading, the Page of Swords suggests that your mind is active, so much so that it's impeding you from being able to rest and relax. It may be time to 'switch off' for a short period to avoid burning yourself out in the long run.

Journaling Prompts

- What new forms of expression and communication are available to me?
- What new ideas am I interested in pursuing?
- What new knowledge can I acquire?

Suggested Card Combinations

Page of Swords + Chariot – You have the energy and determination to try a new intellectual pursuit that will prove beneficial in the long term.

Page of Swords + Page of Cups – You are combining your linguistic talent with your creative mind, perhaps through writing or acting.

Page of Swords + Five of Swords – Be careful that you are not creating conflict with others and losing their support in your pursuit of knowledge.

Page of Swords + Six of Wands – You are involved in public speaking and public presentations aimed at boosting your external reputation.

Page of Swords + Eight of Pentacles – You are pursuing further training and education to build up your skills and knowledge, and you are likely to be a very successful student.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The Page of Swords reversed can appear in a Tarot reading when you are holding back from expressing your truth, especially in a public forum. You prefer to express your thoughts and opinions privately or anonymously. Perhaps you like to keep a private journal, or you're writing a book just for yourself and nobody else. Or, you have a point of view about a public issue but have not defined your message. If you need a little nudge to go public with your ideas and opinions, the reversed Page of Swords might be it. Let go of fear and shout your message from the rooftops!

At times, the reversed Page of Swords can mean that you are all talk and no action. Be careful about making promises you know you cannot keep or saying things you'll later regret. Before making a specific promise or commitment, make sure that you can and will deliver on it to preserve your integrity and reputation. Also, be wary of other people's commitments to you and put in place measures to ensure that they will deliver on what they promise. This reversed Page can be a 'know-it-all' and may try to impress you with big stories of his past and his achievements (which you later find out are big exaggerations of the truth).

Reversed, the Page of Swords can also suggest you are acting hastily, without thinking things through. You have a lot of energy behind you but are not using it effectively. Tackle things one at a time rather than trying to manage everything at once. Doing so will lead to more meaningful outcomes.

As this Page likes to ask a LOT of questions, the reversal of the card can be a sign that you are annoying others by your constant questioning and challenging of ideas. While you may just be trying to understand a situation or a concept better, there are more constructive and non-threatening ways to go about it. Use sentences such as, 'Help me understand....' Be conscious of how you may come across to others and only challenge or question those ideas that are important to you.

Suggested Card Combinations

Page of Swords reversed + Four of Swords – While you don an action-oriented persona, you are more inclined to be passive and even a bit lazy. Others will stop relying on you if you do not follow through on your commitments.

Page of Swords reversed + Seven of Swords – You are making promises you know you cannot keep – but you do it anyway, trying to get away with something.

Page of Swords reversed + Seven of Wands – Your constant questioning is coming across as oppositional and threatening to others.

KNIGHT OF SWORDS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Ambitious, action-oriented, driven to succeed, fast-thinking.

Reversed: Restless, unfocused, impulsive, burn-out.

QUOTES

"A man can be as great as he wants to be. If you believe in yourself and have the courage, the determination, the dedication; the competitive drive and if you are willing to sacrifice the little things in life and pay the price for the things that are worthwhile, it can be done." – Vince Lombardi (football coach)

"Desire is the key to motivation but it is the determination and commitment to an unrelenting pursuit of your goal—a commitment to excellence—that will enable you to attain the success you seek." – Mario Andretti (auto racer)

"Great ambition is the passion of a great character. Those endowed with it may perform very good or very bad acts. All depends on the principals which direct them." – Napoleon Bonaparte (French general and emperor)

DESCRIPTION

The Knight of Swords shows a knight dressed in armour, charging ahead with great energy on his powerful white horse. The knight's sword is held high, a symbol of his dedication to his purpose and mission. The white horse symbolises the purity of the intellectual energy that motivates the knight. In the background, storm clouds are beginning to form, and the trees bend in the strong winds. The wind doesn't stop the knight, however; he heads directly into it, eager to complete his mission.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

As with all Knights of the Tarot deck, the Knight of Swords is a man (or woman) on a mission – once he has his mind set on something, nothing is stopping him. And as a Swords card, this Knight actively uses the power of his intellect to achieve his goals.

When the Knight of Swords appears in a Tarot reading, it is a sign that you are highly driven, ambitious and action-oriented. You are so highly motivated to succeed that you will stop at nothing to pursue your dreams. The challenges, difficulties and obstacles on the path ahead don't faze you because you know where you want to go. Move forward with sheer strength and determination to make things happen.

The Knight of Swords suggests that you are quick to take action and tend not to plan ahead, instead preferring to dive right in. You thrive on high levels of energy that propel you forward and inspire you to take action to manifest your goals.

The Knight of Swords reminds you to be assertive in getting what you want. He doesn't hang back and wait for something to happen. He is always making the first move and actively pursuing his goals. You can harness this energy in your life too by being proactive and forward-thinking. See yourself as the creator of your future and be ready to take the necessary steps to make it happen.

The downside of the fast-thinking, quick-acting Knight of Swords is that sometimes you act too quickly and haven't thoroughly thought things through. You may be unaware of potential challenges and issues that will stand in your way, or the unintended consequences of your actions. You may be prone to rushing things or cutting corners to get a job done. Or, you may pursue a specific goal, thinking it is what you want, but later realise that it's out of alignment or a dead-end. Sometimes a little planning and preparation can go a long way.

The Knight of Swords also represents your need to understand the world from an intellectual point of view. You have well-developed communication skills and can easily form solid arguments and opinions on current affairs and important matters. You love to engage with others who have similar skills so that you can share your ideas and develop new points of view. You may be best suited to discussion groups with like-minded individuals where you can fire each other up and motivate one another.

Career, Work and Finances

The Knight of Swords notes that you are actively pursuing your goals, meeting your targets and pushing your projects and tasks forward with high energy and pace. You are not willing to let anyone or anything stand in your way and will assertively stand up to anyone who tries to oppose you. You skilfully argue your point of view, and you make sure that people have heard what you have to say.

In a career reading, the Knight of Swords indicates that you are well suited to short-term projects, contract work and careers in which you can use your honed communication skills. Financially, the Knight of Swords shows fast growth of your investments or other financial opportunities. You may also choose to enter a more aggressive investment portfolio, with a high chance of success.

Personality Types

The Knight of Swords personality type is restless, full of energy, ambitious and quick thinking. He is always doing something to progress his career or other life goals due to his strong desire for action and success (no matter what the cost). He is like your 'gung-ho' graduate who has excelled through university and now believes he can take on the world because he is so smart. What he does not have, however, is life experience and maturity, which means that he can often be perceived as overzealous, blunt, a know-it-all, tactless and rude. He may be domineering, forceful, threatening and imposing, and as such he is likely to have gathered a fair share of enemies along the way.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for a relationship, the Knight of Swords suggests that you will be doing so with great energy and ambition. You are not afraid to boldly walk up to someone new and introduce yourself. You may also be getting restless in finding new love and are more compelled than ever to find someone to get involved with. Represented as another person, the Knight of Swords suggests that an attractive and sexually appealing person will soon enter your life. This person is charismatic, energetic and highly intellectual but may come across as quite overbearing or assertive.

If you are seeing someone, then it is likely with the Knight of Swords that you are keen to move the relationship forward as quickly as possible. The two of you talk about the future, even if you have not yet fully committed to it (nor are sure that it will work out in the long run). You may have only just met, but already you are talking about moving in together, meeting the parents, getting engaged or even having children. Just be mindful that you are not rushing into things without fully understanding the consequences. It might be fun to progress things quickly, but what's the rush?

Spirituality

Your mind might be hyperactive, making it difficult to relax, silence the voice in your head and feel spiritually connected. If your mind is racing with ideas and to do lists, then you may need to slow down and give yourself space to deepen your connection and understanding of yourself.

Well-being and Health

In a health reading, the Knight of Swords suggests that you are pursuing a new health plan with energy and excitement. You may enjoy running or other high-intensity forms of exercise. Be careful, however, that you do not overdo it and wear yourself out. You could be more prone to injury at this time if you are not cognizant of your limits.

Journaling Prompts

- What is my mission?
- What energises me to take action?
- How can I take fast and imperfect action to progress my goals?

Suggested Card Combinations

Knight of Swords + Chariot – There is no stopping now as your determination, focus and ambition drive you towards your goal.

Knight of Swords + Knight of Cups – You are actively being pursued by someone who has a romantic interest in you. This person is not going to let up until he or she has won over your heart!

Knight of Swords + Three of Pentacles – It is imperative to your success that you bring others along with you on your journey, particularly within a work context.

Knight of Swords + Three of Wands – You may be an entrepreneur at heart and are currently looking at new business opportunities overseas.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The Knight of Swords reversed can appear in a Tarot reading when you are brimming with energy and motivation but cannot effectively channel and release this energy. You are growing restless and frustrated because you want to take action, but something is holding you back. Perhaps the timing isn't right, you don't have enough resources, or you're relying on someone else who isn't ready. You need to find alternative ways to release this energy. Otherwise, you are going to burst.

Similarly, the Knight of Swords reversed suggests that you have little direction and are making rash and impulsive decisions, pulling others down with you. Your thoughts are scattered, and you are constantly changing your mind. If you are leading others, this can be very confusing and frustrating for all involved. Even if working alone, you may find that your distracting

'monkey mind' is getting in the way of your overall success. You may need to apply a single focus; pick an idea and then stick with it until it is complete. It will take mental discipline to see it through – are you up to the task?

The reversed Knight of Swords can also suggest that you need to slow down; otherwise, you are at risk of severe burnout and exhaustion. You want to be involved in everything, but you are not succeeding at anything due to this roving energy. As such, you are accomplishing very little and growing more tired by the day. Take some time out so that you can first ground yourself, gather your thoughts and concentrate on only the top priorities.

Finally, the Knight of Swords reversed indicates that you need to go it alone to build up valuable life experience and maturity. As you search for freedom and independence, it is likely you will make mistakes on your way due to your reckless and impatient nature, but this is all a part of the journey.

Suggested Card Combinations

Knight of Swords reversed + Fool reversed – You are off the rails, and your actions are incredibly reckless and impulsive. If you do not change course, you will make many foolish mistakes.

Knight of Swords reversed + Four of Swords – You need to slow down and take some time for rest and relaxation; otherwise, you will burn yourself out.

Knight of Swords reversed + Two of Wands reversed – You lack a clear plan for the future, and as such your energy and thoughts are scattered and unfocused.

QUEEN OF SWORDS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Independent, unbiased judgement, clear boundaries, direct communication.

Reversed: Overly-emotional, easily influenced, bitchy, cold-hearted.

QUOTES

"I'm tough, I'm ambitious, and I know exactly what I want. If that makes me a bitch, okay." – Madonna

"I, with a deeper instinct, choose a man who compels my strength, who makes enormous demands on me, who does not doubt my courage or my toughness, who does not believe me naive or innocent, who has the courage to treat me like a woman." – Anaïs Nin (author)

"An honest heart being the first blessing, a knowing head is the second." – Thomas Jefferson (US President)

DESCRIPTION

The Queen of Swords sits on a stone throne decorated with a cherub, representing the Queen's softer side, and butterflies representing transformation. She faces towards the future, with her left hand raised as if to receive, and in her right hand, she holds a sword up high and straight, representing her desire to find the truth in all matters. As with the earlier Swords Court cards, clouds accumulate in the sky and a strong wind that passes through the trees, symbolising the ongoing nature of change.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Queen of Swords combines the mental clarity and intellectual power of the suit of Swords with the maturity and receptiveness of the Queen. You have the gift of being able to use your intellect and unbiased judgement while also remaining flexible and open to receive input from other sources. As you lead from the head and not the heart, you are better able to discern situations without the influence of emotion or sentimentality. You may believe that empathy or compassion towards others will distract you from the task at hand. Instead, you prefer to know the how, what, why, where, when and who of everything to help you make sense of your environment and better understand others. It is not that you do not care about others, but you connect with other people through an intellectual understanding rather than an emotional one.

The Queen of Swords notes that you are a truth-seeker. You are open to hearing the thoughts and opinions of others, but ultimately, you filter that information to decipher what is true and what is not. When interacting with others, you will not tolerate mistruths or excessive 'fluff'. You prefer to get to the heart of the matter without engaging in too much chit-chat or gossip.

The Queen of Swords suggests that you have an innate ability to tell it like it is. You are a quick thinker and highly perceptive, piercing through the noise and confusion to get straight to the point. There is no 'beating about the bush,' or 'softening' of your comments, opinions and thoughts. You are upfront and honest in your views, and you expect the same from others. For this reason, many people respect your opinion and come to you for advice when they need clarity.

As a determined, independent and resilient person, you have established clear boundaries, and you are quick to call out someone who crosses them. People do not mess with you, not because you threaten them or inflict violence, but because you set expectations up front about how you want to be treated. Some people might be intimidated by you, but once they get past your tough exterior and develop a sense of trust and respect, they see your softer side.

Career, Work and Finances

In a work-related reading, the Queen of Swords can represent you, a colleague, or your boss. She is highly intelligent and can investigate and solve business problems productively. She would make an astute businesswoman or a good consultant as she gets straight to the point and is very perceptive and articulate with her thoughts and opinions. This Queen is a strong role model within the work environment and could be a great mentor to you.

In a career reading, the Queen of Swords' fairness, impartiality and intelligence make you a

good candidate for a career focused on making decisions, assessing and solving problems and teaching others. It is likely that you are also making some choices of your own about which career path to pursue and establishing your personal boundaries.

In a financial reading, the Queen of Swords indicates that your finances will benefit from your logical and rational decision-making. You must leave any emotion out of your financial decisions at this point; otherwise, you risk negating your winnings.

Personality Types

The Queen of Swords personality is intelligent, assertive, independent, honest and well respected. She gets to the heart of the matter and tells it as it is with honesty and integrity. She is very perceptive and alert to any potential undercurrents or hidden agendas and should not be underestimated. The Queen is quick-witted, with a good sense of humour, preferring to stick with intelligent humour over crass or 'toilet' humour.

Relationships and Love

If you are single, the Queen of Swords suggests that you may prefer to spend this time on your own, enjoying your own company and independence. You are still open to new relationships but only if they are the 'real deal.' You have had your fair share of romance in the past and now want something much more straightforward.

If you are in a relationship, your partner may see you as someone who seeks independence while remaining in a committed relationship. There may be tension between you if your partner is someone who craves physical contact or emotional expression, as the Queen of Swords prefers not to be overly tender and affectionate. That's not to say you are not in love with your partner, of course, but you may like to explore how you can express your love in a way that resonates.

If your relationship is struggling, then you may have to make tough decisions about its future. Look at the relationship from an impartial perspective and aim to leave your emotions out of it. If this is a challenge, then seek advice from a neutral friend.

Spirituality

The Queen of Swords' presence suggests that you want to understand your spirituality from a rational perspective. Consider seeking out an expert, someone who can answer those big spiritual questions. Doing so will help you understand your spiritual path on a more logical level.

Well-being and Health

In a health and well-being reading, the Queen of Swords suggests that you are being very disciplined with your diet and fitness routine and making decisions with your best interest in mind. You aren't prone to emotional eating or food binges; instead, you make choices that align with your goals.

Journaling Prompts

- What truth do I need to express?
- What are my boundaries, and how do I enforce them?
- What information do I need to make the best decisions?

Suggested Card Combinations

Queen of Swords + High Priestess – To make the best decisions at this time, you need to draw upon both your intellectual and your intuitive perception.

Queen of Swords + Justice – You are in a position where your judgements will impact many people.

Queen of Swords + Nine of Pentacles – You are highly independent and able to enjoy life's finer luxuries.

Queen of Swords + King of Swords – If you are a woman, you may form a powerful and successful partnership with an equally intelligent man.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The Queen of Swords reversed points out that you may allow your emotions to get the better of you as you put your heart before your head. You may be emotionally involved in a particular issue, and it could be distorting your perception of the situation at hand. You need to use your head a bit more to understand what is happening and read the signals more accurately. Take an objective look at what's going on and decide what you need to do next.

The reversed Queen of Swords suggests that your relationships are clouding your usually clear vision. You are allowing others to dominate you and negatively affect your ability to make decisions. You hesitate to pursue your plans because you don't want to rock the boat or disrupt your relationships with others. At the end of the day, however, you need to be more hard-edged, confident and assertive to be successful. Sharp analysis, objectivity, and careful consideration of (but not necessarily choosing) the alternatives are essential right now.

At times, the reversed Queen of Swords can come across as cold-hearted, resentful and bitchy, particularly if she is devoid of any emotion or compassion for others. This card may represent a part of yourself or someone else you are trying to deal with. You may be putting others off-side and losing your supporter base, isolating yourself from others and being seen as narrow-minded, intolerant and mean.

Suggested Card Combinations

Queen of Swords reversed + Ace of Cups reversed – You are allowing your emotions to impede your decision-making.

Queen of Swords reversed + Five of Pentacles – Your lack of emotion and empathy has isolated you.

Queen of Swords reversed + Three of Cups – You are using your relationships with others as an excuse to avoid a tough decision.

KING OF SWORDS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Mental clarity, intellectual power, authority, truth.

Reversed: Quiet power, inner truth, misuse of power, manipulation.

QUOTES

"A wise man makes his own decisions, an ignorant man follows the public opinion." – Grantland Rice (American journalist)

"Everything is based on mind, is led by mind, is fashioned by mind. If you speak and act with a polluted mind, suffering will follow you, as a shadow clings to a form." – Buddha

"Follow the path of the unsafe, independent thinker. Expose your ideas to the danger of controversy. Speak your mind and fear less the label of 'crackpot' than the stigma of conformity." – Thomas J. Watson (businessman)

DESCRIPTION

The King of Swords sits upon his throne, facing forward as if ready to confront whatever life throws at him. He holds a sword in his right hand, the hand of the conscious, rational mind, and points it upright and to the left, the side of the subconscious, intuitive mind. This symbolises the King's decisiveness, but also flexibility in all matters; while he makes decisions based mostly on his intellectual understanding, he stays open to his intuition. The King wears a blue tunic, symbolic of a desire for spiritual knowledge, and a purple cape, symbolic of his compassion and intellect. The back of his throne is decorated with butterflies (transformation), crescent moons and an angel just near his left ear, positioned as if to give him subtle guidance.

The trees behind him stand still, and the clouds have settled. The wind from the previous

Swords court cards has died down, giving the impression of stability and clarity rather than the confusion of sweeping change.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The King of Swords is a symbol of intellectual power and authority and has the courage and intellect to achieve all that he desires. When this card appears in a Tarot reading, you are in your power, ruling from a place of authority and respect. You stand firm in your truth and express yourself with deep conviction. As a result, others pay attention to what you have to say.

The King of Swords indicates that you have a clarity of mind and can perceive the truth, so it is up to you to take the lead with providing an objective point of view and making decisions based on impartial judgement. You are well-positioned to judge your situation appropriately and identify any limiting behaviours getting in the way. You are also masterful at keeping your emotions in check while you draw upon your intellectual power and mental clarity to ascertain the truth. You cut straight to the point and get to the heart of the matter for maximum efficiency and impact. While you may worry that you are not being particularly caring or sympathetic with others, this detachment is what you need most right now.

The King of Swords encourages you to use your logic and intellect to navigate the path ahead. You will need to make firm and well-researched decisions and stay fair in your dealings with others. You need to be able to take any situation, look at it with total impartiality, and then come to a balanced and insightful decision.

Often, the King of Swords represents a professional advisor, such as a solicitor or attorney, financial adviser or taxation consultant. This advisor has a solid reputation and a vast amount of knowledge in his particular field. He is impartial and will draw upon his experience and his innate understanding of the rules, systems and structures to give you well-researched advice. He may come across as detached or disinterested in your personal circumstances unless it relates specifically to his skillset. This is so he can provide only the most relevant guidance to you. He prides himself on his expertise and qualifications and is likely to charge a high fee for his services. Nonetheless, he offers the rigour and specialist knowledge that you need right now.

If you have not engaged the help of an expert, the arrival of the King of Swords suggests that it may be worthwhile getting legal or financial advice. If you are expecting changes or particular circumstances that will require an expert opinion, you can be on the front foot by seeking help before they happen. That way, when they do roll through, you are ready to demand your rights and find an outcome that benefits you. You may also benefit from finding an advocate or mentor who can provide you with smart advice.

Career, Work and Finances

As with the other Court cards, the King of Swords may represent an aspect of yourself or someone with whom you work. In a work setting, this King is likely to be in a position of authority and is highly educated, qualified and experienced. He respects knowledge and intelligence; so, make sure you have a solid argument or point of view when you run into him. Do not even bother talking about how you feel or how your day is going; just cut to the chase and tell him what needs to happen and why. He may seem like a roadblock to your goals, but if you can win him over using logic and fact, then he will assist you.

In a career-related reading, the King of Swords suggests that you are well suited to a professional role where intellect and the law are important. For example, this King points to a career in law, tax, governance and risk management. As a Swords card, it may also suggest a desire to become a highly specialised surgeon.

In a finance reading, the King of Swords suggests that you would be smart to seek the guidance of a knowledgeable and well-qualified financial advisor or legal expert. You need to make major financial decisions, so make sure that you get the best advice possible.

Personality Types

The King of Swords personality type is intelligent, articulate, authoritative, influential and impartial. He is highly qualified and has vast experience and expertise related to his field. He draws upon fact and data to form his opinions and then does not let up in proving his point of view. This King is not exactly an inspiring person but instead prefers to command people who follow him, knowing they trust him and respect his knowledge. His decisions are nearly always the right ones because he sees the big picture and never lets his emotions bias his judgement.

Relationships and Love

In a relationship reading, the King of Swords often reflects a person with whom you are involved, or who shows an interest in you but who has trouble conveying his emotions. He is highly intelligent, trustworthy and a strong conversationalist, but he is awful at expressing his feelings and showing that he cares for you. It does not mean that he is disinterested in a romantic relationship, but his nature is not to show such emotion and affection easily. He may be in a position of authority to you, such as a boss, an older person or an advisor.

If you are looking for love, you may encounter this person as a potential partner. This card can also show that you are looking at love from a rational and objective point of view and may be very discerning in whom you are choosing to spend time with.

In a relationship, the King of Swords can represent your partner or even an aspect of yourself in your connection. This card can also show that you are both facing some significant decisions in your lives that require you to be rational, logical, fair and decisive. You need to draw upon

your intellect as you decide what you want from this relationship moving forward.

If a relationship is struggling and you see the King of Swords, it may be a sign that either you or your partner has become overbearing, domineering, authoritative and controlling in the relationship. While you may be dealing with a knowledgeable person, his or her emotional intelligence is lacking, and you will need to address the emotional aspects of the relationship in balance with the mental ones.

Spirituality

The King of Swords suggests that spiritual beliefs have to make sense to you on an intellectual level before you can connect to them. Knowing this, you can deepen your spiritual awareness and practise by actively seeking out new sources of information and insight. You may also be drawn to a spiritual mentor or guide who can lay spiritual beliefs systems out in a way that both makes sense to you and is logical rather than 'airy-fairy'.

Well-being and Health

In a health reading, the King of Swords may mean that you would be prudent to seek the advice of a medical expert or specialist. You may also be looking at surgery to resolve a health problem.

Journaling Prompts

- What decisions do I need to make?
- How can I remain impartial as I make an important judgement?
- How can I communicate more directly with others?

Suggested Card Combinations

King of Swords + Chariot – You are unstoppable in your determination to attain the highest level of expertise in a particular field.

King of Swords + Justice – You are being judged by a person in authority. This person will assess the situation impartially before making the final judgement.

King of Swords + Seven of Pentacles – You may be seeking the advice of a financial advisor to maximise your long-term investments.

King of Swords + Seven of Wands – Be prepared to defend yourself and your point of view to someone who is highly intelligent and will expect you to 'know your stuff'.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The King Swords reversed represents 'quiet power'. You may not be the loudest person in the room or the most visible on public platforms. However, you have a lot to contribute and share in your own, magical way. Your power and authority come from within, from your unwavering belief in yourself, your deep connection to your values, and your commitment to stand firm in your truth. You do not allow others to steer you off-course, instead preferring to draw your energy from your Higher Self and connect with what truly matters to you.

That said, sometimes the King of Swords reversed can allude to a misuse of power. You may have accumulated significant power and authority, but it has gone to your head, and your ego is now running the show. You may be using your ability to manipulate or persuade others to fulfil your personal needs, withdrawing love, sex, or support as a way to punish your partner. Or you may be using your advanced intellect to make others feel inferior or disadvantaged.

An inverted King of Swords can represent someone who is very intelligent and likes to show off to others about how smart he is by using big words or discussing lofty topics about which no one else knows much. He may be cutting in his words, critical of others, and stern in his manner. This card may represent a person in your life or even yourself; either way, you need to be wary because, although this King may be alluring and intelligent, he can do only harm. He has only his personal interests in mind and will do whatever he can to achieve these interests, even if it means taking advantage of you.

The reversed King of Swords can also reflect a lack of decisiveness about where your best opportunities lie or in what direction you want to go. You may also lack the mental clarity to work out what you need to do in your situation. Your thoughts are scattered and may start to feel panicky and out of control. Upright, the King is typically a very rational man who uses his intelligence and a definitive understanding of a situation to make critical decisions, but reversed, this card indicates that you are feeling lost and uncertain about your options, let alone the decisions you need to make. As a result, you are delaying necessary decisions and generally not achieving anything because you are getting so worried.

Suggested Card Combinations

King of Swords reversed + Emperor reversed – A domineering and power-hungry person who is incredibly self-motivated and manipulative.

King of Swords reversed + Two of Swords reversed – A high level of indecisiveness over a current choice.

King of Swords reversed + Five of Swords – A cunning person who will stop at nothing to win, even if it means making enemies along the way.

THE SUIT OF WANDS

The Suit of Wands connects to a primal spirit, spirituality, inspiration, determination, strength, intuition, creativity, ambition and expansion, original thought and the seeds through which life springs forth. The meanings of the Wands Tarot cards speak to the spiritual level of consciousness and mirror what matters most to you at the core of your being. They centre on what makes you tick: your personality, ego, enthusiasm, and personal energy, both internal and external.

Should a Tarot reading be predominantly Wands cards, you are seeking solutions to issues founded mainly in the realm of thought, or that are in the first stages of development. You may desire greater purpose and meaning in your life and will want to understand what motivates and energises you.

The Suit of Wands associates with the element of Fire – hot, wild, unpredictable, and dynamic. Its energy can be creative in helping us to cook food or build tools, or its flames can be destructive. Fire is symbolic of passion, intensity, enthusiasm, and sexuality. It is masculine energy and reflects drive and willpower.

Wands cards often represent the astrological signs of Fire: Leo, Sagittarius and Aries. Wands people are typically energetic, charismatic, warm, and spiritual.

The negative aspects of the Suit of Wands include illusion, egotistical behaviour, and impulsiveness, a lack of direction or purpose, or feeling meaningless.

QUICK KEYWORDS CHART: SUIT OF WANDS

ACE

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Inspiration	An emerging idea
New opportunities	Lack of direction
Growth	Distractions
Potential	Delays

TWO

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Future planning	Personal goals
Progress	Inner alignment
Decisions	Fear of unknown
Discovery	Lack of planning

THREE

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Progress	Playing small
Expansion	Lack of foresight
Foresight	Unexpected delays
Overseas opportunities	

FOUR

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Celebration	Personal celebration
Joy	Inner harmony
Harmony	Conflict with others
Relaxation	Transition
Homecoming	

FIVE

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Conflict	Inner conflict
Disagreements	Conflict avoidance
Competition	Tension release
Tension	
Diversity	

SIX

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Success	Private achievement
Public recognition	Personal definition of success
Progress	Fall from grace
Self-confidence	Egotism

SEVEN

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Challenge	Exhaustion
Competition	Giving up
Protection	Overwhelmed
Perseverance	

EIGHT

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Movement	Delays
Fast paced change	Frustration
Action	Resisting change
Alignment	Internal alignment
Air travel	

NINE

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Resilience	Inner resources
Courage	Struggle
Persistence	Overwhelm
Test of faith	Defensive
Boundaries	Paranoia

TEN

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Burden	Doing it all
Extra responsibility	Carrying the burden
Hard work	Delegation
Completion	Release

PAGE

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Inspiration	Newly-formed ideas
Ideas	Redirecting energy
Discovery	Self-limiting beliefs
Limitless potential	A spiritual path
Free spirit	

KNIGHT

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Energy	Passion project
Passion	Haste
Inspired action	Scattered energy
Adventure	Delays
Impulsiveness	Frustration

QUEEN

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Courage	Self-respect
Confidence	Self-confidence
Independence	Introverted
Social butterfly	Re-establish sense of self
Determination	

KING

UPRIGHT	REVERSED
Natural-born leader	Poor leadership
Grand visions	Aggressive goals
Long-term success	High expectations
	Personal direction

ACE OF WANDS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Inspiration, new opportunities, growth, potential.

Reversed: An emerging idea, lack of direction, distractions, delays.

QUOTES

"Creativity can solve almost any problem. The creative act, the defeat of habit by originality, overcomes everything." – George Lois (art director and author)

"Every moment of your life is infinitely creative and the universe is endlessly bountiful. Just put forth a clear enough request, and everything your heart desires must come to you." – Shakti Gawain (human potential teacher)

"When you see a thing clearly in your mind, your creative 'success mechanism' within you takes over and does the job much better than you could do it by conscious effort or 'willpower.'" – Maxwell Maltz (plastic surgeon)

DESCRIPTION

In the Ace of Wands, a hand holding a sprouting wand extends out from a cloud, as if to offer a new opportunity or idea with the potential to grow. The rich, verdant landscape is further confirmation of this growth capability. In the distance on the left sits a castle, representing the promise of opportunities to come, and hills and mountains line the horizon. Their rolling peaks remind us that there will always be challenges along the way, but they are surmountable with enough effort.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

As an Ace, this Wands card brings you pure potential – this time in the spiritual, energetic realm. Ideas are flowing to you, motivating and inspiring you to pursue a new path. You are open to receiving new opportunities that align with your Higher Self. A whole world of possibility is available to you.

The Ace of Wands encourages you to follow your heart and live your passion. If you feel a strong pull towards a new project or path, but are questioning whether it will work, then this card gives you a gentle nudge to pursue your passion. You can always start out small, treating the project or idea as an experiment or trial. Then, if it feels good, keep doing it; and if it doesn't, make adjustments and try again. Let your energy, dedication and motivation be your guides.

If you have been looking for a sign about whether this is the right project, then the Ace of Wands is a clear YES! The sprouting wand and the fertile landscape in the background are all positive indications that this idea has the potential to turn into something fulfilling and energising. Use your creative energy and passion to take the first steps. Even if you prefer to plan out everything before you begin down a particular path, the Ace of Wands wants you to listen to your instincts and follow your gut. If it seems like a good idea, it probably is. So, start with a few fundamentals to get things rolling, and then continue to grow and develop your ideas through more complex activities later on. The important thing is that you act now rather than spending more time planning or researching.

Keep in mind, however, that the Aces represent potential but not guaranteed results. The Ace of Wands (or any Ace) is a seed that has yet to grow into something more substantial or sustainable. The opportunity on offer shows great promise, but it will be up to you to maximise it for the long term. See this card as the spark needed to fuel a massive fire, but remember that the flash itself is not enough to keep the flames burning.

The Ace of Wands may appear when you have an opportunity to grow on a personal or spiritual level. You may be interested in taking a class or investing in a course so you can follow your creative spirit. For example, you might enrol in a photography class, a Tarot course, or a self-improvement program. Trust that this experience will open you up to even more possibilities.

Career, Work and Finances

If you are looking for work, the Ace of Wands announces a new job opening on the horizon. This opportunity will make you enthusiastic for what is coming, and you will be ready to give everything you can to win the job and succeed in the role. This is that one-in-a-million break where you know you are the perfect candidate and have so much to offer.

If you are engaged in project work in your current role, the Ace of Wands is typically symbolic of a new project that is likely to enhance your career and your personal development. It may be a stretch project designed to develop you and extend your abilities. Either way, the Ace encourages you to give it all you've got to make the most of this occasion.

In a career-related reading, the Ace of Wands notes that you are a creative and imaginative individual, and you have a capacity for achieving ideals, creating original concepts and producing growth. What will you do with your potential?

In a finance reading, the Ace of Wands suggests that an opportunity will come your way that promises the possibility of increasing your finances. The potential is there, but you need to do your research to make sure its offer is sustainable in the long run.

Personality Types

Ace of Wands personalities are energetic, exciting to know, bold, youthful, pure-hearted and excitable. They are continually coming up with fresh ideas and new ways of doing things. They are also likely to be free of any major commitments or responsibilities (or will at least act this way) and can, therefore, jet off to the other side of the world tomorrow if they choose. Given the sexual element associated with the Ace of Wands, this person may be a sexually driven individual who likes to flirt, meet lots of people and engage in short-term but thrilling sexual encounters.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, the Ace of Wands shows a new relationship on the horizon. This is likely to be one of those whirlwind relationships in which everything moves swiftly, and your interactions are provocative and exciting. You are likely to share strong sexual chemistry and will want to spend most of your time together, exploring each other and this new-found relationship. You may meet someone while travelling, sparking a holiday romance, or even someone you take back home with you.

In an existing relationship, the Ace of Wands recognises that you are entering a new phase of your relationship and intensifying your connection. Now is an exciting time for you both as it heralds a new beginning and perhaps even a turnaround from previous challenges in the relationship. The two of you are turning a new leaf and rediscovering the passion that drew you together.

If you are struggling in a relationship, see the Ace of Wands as a sign to find a fresh point of connection. Leave behind any past issues or struggles and instead focus on future opportunities to grow or improve the relationship's potential.

Spirituality

You have a strong desire to pursue a new spiritual journey to bring about self-discovery and

enlightenment. An unfamiliar belief system, ideology or even a book or leader may have sparked your interest, and you are now keen to find out more and explore what it means for you. The Ace of Wands encourages you to tap into the Universe and get ready to receive a spiritual download of inspiration.

Well-being and Health

The Ace of Wands heralds renewed energy, health and vitality. You will feel much better about yourself and more motivated to start a diet regimen or exercise program.

Journaling Prompts

- What inspires me?
- What new opportunities are available?
- How can I truly follow my passion?

Suggested Card Combinations

Ace of Wands + Magician – You have both the inspiration and the skills to turn an idea into reality.

Ace of Wands + Judgement – You are experiencing a 'breakthrough moment', compelling you to take action on an opportunity.

Ace of Wands + Nine of Cups – A new idea will bring you great satisfaction, fulfilment and contentment if you follow through with it.

Ace of Wands + Eight of Wands – You may be about to travel or embark on a world trip, and you are bursting with excitement and anticipation.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The Ace of Wands reversed suggests that you can sense an idea emerging from within but are uncertain what form it will take or how you will manifest it in the world. You may have energy and passion in spades, but you do not yet have a clear outlet to express them. You may be waiting for something else to happen before you pursue this idea. Or, you may prefer to keep your idea private until your confidence kicks in. All of these wonderful ideas are bubbling up, but now you must find a way to harness this creative energy to set you up in the long term.

The reversed Ace of Wands can suggest that you are finding it difficult to define your purpose in life and what you want to create. This lack of direction may sap your energy levels and leave

you unmotivated and uninspired. As a result, you are often asking yourself if this is what you want in life and whether there might be something better elsewhere. However, when you think about what other opportunities might appeal, you struggle to know what you want. To remedy this stagnation, you need first to focus on where your true passions lie; there is no point in working towards a goal if it does not motivate you. So, take time to contemplate what it is you aspire to and what you wish to achieve out of this situation.

The reversed Ace of Wands may be a sign that frustrating delays are impeding the progress of your projects and ideas. You are likely to feel very impatient, especially if you are action-oriented and have only just started to gain momentum in your activities. The key message here is: 'Not now, but maybe later.' Timing is essential for success, so be patient and wait for the best opportunity to move ahead.

Suggested Card Combinations

Ace of Wands reversed + Four of Cups – You lack inspiration so it may be best to hold off pursuing any new opportunities until you know what you want to achieve.

Ace of Wands reversed + Nine of Wands – Competing priorities and increasing demands stand in the way of a new idea or passion.

Ace of Wands reversed + Knight of Swords – Delays are becoming increasingly frustrating, as you have already set the wheels in motion and committed to taking action.

TWO OF WANDS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Future planning, progress, decisions, discovery.

Reversed: Personal goals, inner alignment, fear of unknown, lack of planning.

QUOTES

"To solve a problem or to reach a goal, you do not need to know all the answers in advance. But you must have a clear idea of the problem or the goal you want to reach." – W. Clement Stone (businessman)

"A goal without a plan is just a wish." – Larry Elder (radio speaker)

"Far away there in the sunshine are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them but I can look up and see their beauty, believe in them, and try to follow where they lead." – Louisa May Alcott (author)

DESCRIPTION

The Two of Wands shows a man, dressed in a red robe and hat, holding a small globe. The world is literally in his hands, marking the enormous potential before him if he can expand his horizons accordingly. He stands within the confines of his castle, suggesting that while he is contemplating significant opportunities, the man has not yet left his comfort zone to pursue them; he is still very much in the planning phase. His hand rests on an upright wand, and a second wand is affixed to the castle's wall, a further sign that he is still not ready to venture out. In the background, the land is fertile while also rocky, promising that he has a good chance for success, so long as he can overcome the challenges that will arise.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Two of Wands takes the spark of inspiration from the Ace of Wands and turns it into a clear action plan. You went through the discovery phase and know what you want to manifest – now you need to figure out how. You are exploring your options and carefully plotting out the path ahead, accounting for all possibilities and potential challenges. You are open to growth and exploring new territories, so long as you maintain a level of certainty that your efforts will work out in the end.

When the Two of Wands appears in a Tarot reading, you are not ready to make your move – it is more important that you establish a clear plan before proceeding. The Two of Wands is also about discovery, particularly as you step outside your comfort zone and explore new worlds and experiences. It may take courage to set out, but this card gives you the confidence of self-knowledge. You know what your goal is and are sure of its eventual fulfilment. Let your intuition and passion guide you as you confirm your next steps.

The Two of Wands indicates that you are considering your longer-term goals and aspirations and are ready to plan for what you need to do to achieve them. You have already come so far, and now you feel ready for a change – this time with your long-term future in mind. You may be contemplating overseas travel, further education or a significant career switch to expand your horizons beyond your immediate environment. With careful planning and a moderated approach, you will set yourself up for success.

The Twos in Tarot often represent decisions of some sort. With this two, you may make a choice between sticking with what you know or taking a risk. You understand the world has something bigger or more meaningful to offer you, yet you also realise that you must leave your familiar grounds to capitalise on this opportunity. Even though you already invested a lot into your current circumstances, it is imperative that you step out and explore your options.

Career, Work and Finances

In a work-related reading, the Two of Wands may show an overseas move to progress your career or pursue a new development opportunity. A different position may also come your way, requiring you to take on more responsibility, broaden your experience and hone your skills. If you are looking for work, then you may need to search beyond the safety of your established field. Consider exploring outside your neighbourhood, city or state, and look at jobs that may be slightly beyond your comfort zone or skill level. Now is the time to stretch yourself by taking more risks in your job search.

In a career-related reading, the Two of Wands suggests that you have some critical decisions to make. Wands are the suit of achievement, drive and career, and here we see a person

trying to decide between the familiar job he already has and going out into the world to try something new. A change of career is what you need most right now; it will give you more energy and make you feel more positive about yourself. If you are considering a new venture, the Two of Wands proposes that a partnership may be beneficial. So, if you think you cannot go at it alone, you may want to seek a business partner.

In a financial reading, the Two of Wands suggests that you may look to expand your portfolio, particularly to include overseas investments. You have already been planning around your finances, so now it is time to decide where and how you will invest.

Personality Types

Two of Wands personalities are bold, visionary, decisive and adventurous. They can peer beyond their own backyard and see opportunities from all directions. They are not afraid to take a risk or to pursue their vision by exploring new territories and are frequently stepping outside of their comfort zones to develop as people. As strong planners who can turn an idea into action, these Twos take the initiative and create growth for themselves.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, the Two of Wands suggests that you may find a potential partner if you widen your search. Rather than merely searching for the same person you have dated in the past, seek out fresh faces and different perspectives that will teach you something new about yourself. It may also be time to branch out and try other ways of meeting people, such as Internet or speed dating.

If you are already seeing someone, you may engage in opportunities to grow the relationship further or to take it to the next level. You may discuss the possibility of moving in together, moving to a different state or country or increasing your commitment to each other.

If your relationship is struggling, consider whether it is time to leave and explore your opportunities elsewhere. If the relationship is new, and you have invested relatively little in it so far, you will be more inclined to look somewhere else for love, particularly if the relationship does not satisfy you. However, if you have committed a lot already, the decision will be much harder.

Spirituality

Spiritually, the Two of Wands points out that you are exploring different spiritual belief systems to broaden your knowledge. You may find that a partnership with another person on a similar quest will help you attain even more enlightenment.

Well-being and Health

In a health reading, the Two of Wands encourages you to seek a second opinion in any diagnoses. It may also benefit you to solicit the advice of two different practitioners, such as a medical specialist and a holistic healer. Even if it is beyond your comfort zone, the diverse perspectives may help you reach a balanced view of your health. You may also search for health programs or treatments in another city (or even another country).

Journaling Prompts

- What plans do I need to make to bring my ideas into fruition?
- What alternative solutions are available to me?
- How can I set myself up for success?

Suggested Card Combinations

Two of Wands + Fool – You are ready to step into the unknown and begin a journey of self-discovery.

Two of Wands + World – Global opportunities await you, either in your career or personal life. Do not be afraid to seize these moments and explore where they take you.

Two of Wands + Eight of Wands – If you plan on travelling soon, then this trip may be just what you need to broaden your perspective. Expect some breakthrough moments.

Two of Wands + Six of Swords – To grow and develop, you must leave behind familiar territory. Your move may be questionable initially, but it will pay off in the long run.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The Two of Wands reversed encourages you to draw your attention inwards and focus on your personal goals. Consider what is truly important to you and what lights you up. You may have headed in one direction, only to realise it wasn't in full alignment with your deeper values and purpose. This card invites you to go back to the drawing board and reconnect with your dreams and ambitions, then make the necessary adjustments to your path ahead.

At times, the Two of Wands reversed may indicate that you have a fruitful idea, but lack a clear strategy to move it forward. As a result, you are working haphazardly and inefficiently and not reaching your desired destination as quickly as you would like. As French poet, Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, says, "A goal without a plan is just a wish," so make sure you have a clear plan in place to manifest your goals. Go back to your original intention, and the energy and

enthusiasm you felt at the beginning. Let them guide you to the next step.

If you are at a crossroads about which direction to take to fulfil your dreams, ask yourself: What do I really want? And what's keeping me from getting it? You may have been opting for the easy path, when it is, in fact, the more difficult one that gives us the best opportunity for growth.

Similarly, the reversed Two of Wands can highlight that you are reluctant to step out into unknown territories despite the enormous potential, instead preferring to stick with what you know. You may be 'the big fish in the small pond', enjoying the feeling of success in this safe environment. Reconnect with your vision and why you are here and know that you will need to explore new fields to reach your highest level.

Suggested Card Combinations

Two of Wands reversed + Lovers – You are encouraged to take the high road, even if it's the more challenging path. It will lead to higher levels of personal growth.

Two of Wands reversed + Eight of Swords – You feel powerless and constrained by fear of the unknown. While your current circumstances are becoming limiting, you are apprehensive of stepping out into unfamiliar territories.

Two of Wands reversed + Seven of Swords – You thought you could get away with a quick-fix solution or even a 'get rich quick' scheme, but it has fallen short, and you have hit many roadblocks.

THREE OF WANDS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Progress, expansion, foresight, overseas opportunities.

Reversed: Playing small, lack of foresight, unexpected delays.

QUOTES

"Small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises." – Demosthenes

"Business opportunities are like buses, there's always another one coming." – Richard Branson (founder of Virgin Enterprises)

"Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice. It is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved." – Jeremy Kitson (businessman)

"The entrepreneur always searches for change, responds to it, and exploits it as an opportunity." – Peter F. Drucker (educator and writer)

DESCRIPTION

The Three of Wands depicts a man in red and green robes standing on a cliff with his back turned. Three Wands stand firmly planted in the ground, reflecting his commitment to his plans. He has left the comfort of the castle in the Two of Wands and is now in a vast open space, looking out over the sea to distant mountains. He watches three sailing ships pass by, symbolic of movement and progression. From his high vantage point, he can see all that lies ahead, including any upcoming challenges and opportunities.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

While the Two of Wands speaks to planning for the future from a place of safety and comfort, the Three of Wands shows that your plans are now well underway and you are considering even more opportunities to expand your current strategy and maximise your ultimate potential. Everything is progressing steadily and as expected, thanks to your solid preparation and ongoing drive.

The Three of Wands signals the many chances available to you to broaden your horizons through study, travel, business enterprise and learning. You are becoming more aware of the opportunities that exist for you right now – and there are still more to come. To take advantage of this potential, you must stay committed to your path and be prepared to stretch beyond your comfort zone, knowing your best hopes lie outside of your current environment. It is time to think BIG. Consider what you can to open doors to more development and self-exploration. This card encourages you to dream bigger than your limitations. Accept your vision and be confident you will achieve it.

The Three of Wands also brings your attention to the changes and challenges that lie ahead. Given the man in this card can see far into the distance, then you are likely to be already aware of the upcoming developments and obstacles and can prepare for them ahead of time.

Given the image of land and sea, the Three of Wands can sometimes point to travel, especially overseas or over a body of water. It encourages you to be adventurous and venture to unknown places to discover more about yourself and learn many new things along the way. You may also explore international job opportunities.

Career, Work and Finances

In a work-related reading, the Three of Wands suggests that an overseas job or training opportunity may become available to you, allowing you to expand your skills and find (or create) success.

If you are on the hunt for a new job, the Three of Wands is a positive sign that many opportunities are accessible to you outside of your current organisation. It will surprise you how many jobs online or in the newspaper fit your skill set. Even if you are reasonably happy in your present role, see what else is out there as you may find that perfect opportunity by doing so. There is no harm in looking!

If you are considering starting a new business, then the Three of Wands is an excellent sign to consider overseas or global markets and join forces with other like-minded individuals. This is a card of trade, enterprise and industry, and, therefore, denotes success in those fields. A joint venture may also strengthen your position in the finance world.

In a financial reading, the Three of Wands suggests that you are looking to expand your already successful portfolio to include overseas investment opportunities. You have established a sound financial base but have the potential to earn more with foresight and vision.

Personality Types

Three of Wands personalities are innovative and bold and can foresee opportunities far into the future. They are often well-respected leaders because of their visionary abilities and are successful at bringing other people along on their journey. These Threes are not afraid to enter unfamiliar territories, particularly if they see an opportunity that has excellent potential. They love to travel and explore new cultures.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, the Three of Wands encourages you to expand your horizons and your opportunities for finding romance, perhaps by moving interstate, travelling or learning something new. This card is all about seeing beyond just your immediate environment and opening yourself up to other possibilities. You may also be open to trying Internet dating so you can cast a wider net to find the right person for you.

If you are in an established relationship, the Three of Wands shows that your plans for the future align with your partner's. Perhaps you both are interested in travelling or engaging in some further education. You may even have a business idea and are considering how you could collaborate to make it come true. This Three is all about bringing together two minds to create something new and to expand your horizons—very positive signs for the relationship's future.

If the relationship is struggling, the Three of Wands could highlight the need for a third party to intervene or assist, such as a counsellor or mediator. This person's support might enable you to see a different, more positive future for yourselves as a partnership and bring the relationship back on track. Might it help to look at your partnership as a journey that will have its ups and downs? You may just be going through a rough patch right now but, with a little perseverance, will soon find calmer waters. A trip away together could be just what you need.

Spirituality

When the Three of Wands arrives in a spiritual reading, you may be about to embark on an extraordinary sacred journey. This may be a real trip to a faraway place to learn about a new belief system or to 'find yourself,' or it could be a more metaphorical quest to discover your inner spirituality. You are not looking for a 'quick fix' here either; you want long-term spiritual enlightenment.

Well-being and Health

The Three of Wands suggests that you are investing in your long-term health, perhaps through a preventative care program or by engaging in more health-conscious activities.

Journaling Prompts

- How can I continue to expand my horizons?
- What new opportunities lie ahead of me?
- If I had no limits or restrictions, what would I create in my life?

Suggested Card Combinations

Three of Wands + Hermit – You are embarking on a spiritual journey that will require you to travel and explore on your own.

Three of Wands + Death – You are preparing to leave behind the 'old' you to move towards the 'new' you.

Three of Wands + Three of Pentacles – An overseas business enterprise or a joint venture will bring great success.

Three of Wands + Six of Swords – Reluctant but beneficial travel overseas. You may need to leave family or friends, but you know it will benefit your personal development.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The Three of Wands reversed suggests that growth and expansion are available to you, but you are choosing to play it safe and stay within your comfort zone. As a result, you are closing yourself off from new opportunity and limiting your potential. What's holding you back? It's time to spread your wings and fly.

The Three of Wands reversed indicates that you have attempted to embark on your journey of personal development but did not accomplish your goals. Unexpected delays and creative blockages might have popped up on your path. There is disappointment, frustration and a general feeling that you may have just wasted your time by even starting on this path. What you might not realise, however, is that these setbacks are an essential part of your life's journey and contribute to your personal evolution.

Similarly, the reversed Three of Wands can indicate that your plans might come to a grinding halt with unexpected delays and other frustrating obstacles. You may need to wait on others

to complete a task, or you have under-estimated how much time the work involves. When planning, add buffer time, so external problems don't adversely affect you.

You may also struggle to put your plans into action and are now feeling worried that you have over-committed yourself. It's possible that you did not adequately prepare for the challenges on your path, or you were unrealistic about the risks associated with your plans. Break down your ideas into smaller tasks to make them more manageable and realistic. Conduct a risk assessment ahead of time to understand what difficulties you might face and then create strategies to avoid or minimise those risks.

Suggested Card Combinations

Three of Wands reversed + Fool – You have embarked on a new venture without comprehending the risks and challenges, and you are now inadequately prepared.

Three of Wands reversed + Two of Cups reversed – You and your partner no longer see eye to eye nor do you share the same dreams together. You need to restore balance to rehab the relationship.

FOUR OF WANDS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Celebration, joy, harmony, relaxation, homecoming.

Reversed: Personal celebration, inner harmony, conflict with others, transition.

QUOTES

"Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort." – Franklin D. Roosevelt (US President)

"The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate." – Oprah Winfrey

"Contentment is not the fulfilment of what you want but the realization of how much you already have." – Author Unknown

DESCRIPTION

The Four of Wands shows two happy people dancing and celebrating with flowers in their hands. In the foreground, a beautiful wreath abounding with blossoms and grapes suspends between Wands. Together, these elements represent the joy and satisfaction that comes with achieving an important goal or milestone. In the background, another group of people (perhaps a family) stand in front of a large castle, representing the safety and comfort of the home.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Four of Wands is a card of joyful celebration, blissful happiness and appreciation for the good things in life. When this card appears in a Tarot reading, it is the perfect time to celebrate with those you love most. You may commemorate a significant event or milestone such as a wedding, birthday, homecoming or reunion. Or, you may invite a few of your favourite friends over for an intimate dinner for no particular reason except to revel in each other's company. Relax and let your hair down – enjoy this special time together!

The Four of Wands can show that you are returning home or to the people and places familiar to you. You feel supported and secure, knowing you are with those who love you and care about you.

Because the Four of Wands associates so closely with the home environment, you may work on improving or renovating your house or are close to finding a new one. Perhaps you recently purchased a home and are getting ready to settle down in your new habitat.

The Four of Wands tells you that after a period of rapid growth and expansion (the energy of the Three of Wands), it's now time to pause and celebrate what you have achieved so far. Step back for a moment and enjoy the fruits of your labour. Acknowledge your hard work and give yourself permission to take a small break before embarking on the next phase of your journey. It's essential you observe these smaller milestones.

In numerology, four symbolises stability and firm foundations, and with the Four of Wands, you are now enjoying a period of happiness and security. This card indicates a sense of harmony and balance as well as completion and thus denotes a time of peace and contentment in life that comes as the result of hard-fought efforts.

If you have been working on a project, you will reach an important milestone and have reason to celebrate. If you just wrapped up your project, the Four of Wands represents the personal gratification of a job well done, a goal attained, and a vision beginning to be realised. You should be proud!

Career, Work and Finances

In a work-related reading, the Four of Wands suggests that you achieved a milestone at work. You may have recently made your ten-year service anniversary, hit your business targets for the year, or completed a major project. Not only will you be celebrating but so, too, will your colleagues and even superiors. This is a highly positive and social time, showing that everyone will come together to acknowledge all your hard work so far. Nonetheless, do not take this initial success for granted and presume it will all be smooth sailing from here on. Yes, you earned your kudos, but do not forget that you need to continue to strive to perform and to keep growing and stretching yourself.

If this card pops up in a career-related reading, it is unlikely you are considering a career change. In fact, it would appear that you are happy where you are, and you plan to stay in this field.

In a financial reading, you will have much to celebrate regarding your finances. Your hard work has paid off, and now you will be rewarded financially through channels such as dividends or maturing deposits.

Personality Types

Four of Wands personalities are optimistic, balanced, authentic and content. They carry such an innate sense of stability and certainty in their lives that nothing really 'throws' them. These people are likely to be sociable and actively involved in the community and with family and friends. They like to have a good time and celebrate all the beautiful things in life, and they often have a reputation for putting on the best parties and celebrations that bring everyone together.

Relationships and Love

In a relationship reading, be it a romantic partnership, family kinship or friendship, the Four of Wands brings positive energy, signalling a time of peace, harmony and stability. Now is when you will be genuinely grateful for everything you share together and celebrate the beauty of your connection. It is a sunny season when you want to be with the people you love most.

If you are looking for love, the Four of Wands suggests that soon you will find someone who will make you very happy. The relationship is likely to be stable and carries a potential for the future. It may have been facilitated or encouraged by friends or family members.

If you are in a relationship, the Four of Wands is often a sign of engagement, marriage, moving in together or even starting a family. This is a harmonious time when the energy between you as a couple is flowing and your commitment to each other is on the increase. You have already established a solid foundation with each other and can now celebrate everything you worked towards as a partnership.

Spirituality

The Four of Wands reflects a sense of gratitude and appreciation for all you have built so far in your life and in your relationships with others. Spiritually, this is very important as it shows that you are at peace with your current circumstances and can feel truly blessed for what you have.

Well-being and Health

The Four of Wands heralds good health and well-being. In fact, you may celebrate a recent accomplishment related to your health—losing weight, for example, or becoming cancer-free. This is an excellent time for your health, and your positive attitude will further assist your well-being.

Journaling Prompts

- What am I celebrating?
- How can I spend more time with my loved ones?
- Who brings me the deepest sense of happiness and joy?

Suggested Card Combinations

Four of Wands + Lovers – You are enjoying a close and loving relationship with your partner. A marriage proposal or some form of increased commitment is likely.

Four of Wands + Star – You hold a deep appreciation for everything in your life, and you feel blessed in your current circumstances.

Four of Wands + Three of Cups – Your friendships are very harmonious and fulfilling, and you enjoy spending time with your closest friends to celebrate the good times.

Four of Wands + Eight of Wands – An overseas celebration, such as a wedding in a tropical location.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

Four of Wands reversed can indicate that you are celebrating the achievement of a personal goal, for example, reaching your goal weight, quitting smoking, or doing yoga for 30 days in a row. You do not feel compelled to proclaim this achievement to others, instead choosing to create your own special reward for the hard work you put in. You may also be in the midst of your journey and yet to reach the finish line, hence preferring to honour this mini-milestone privately. When you finally do arrive at the finish line, it'll be worth celebrating with friends and family.

The reversed Four of Wands can also mean that you have achieved a level of inner harmony and stability. If you doubted yourself in the past or struggled with self-acceptance or empathy, the appearance of this card is a welcome sign that you have found a sense of greater balance within yourself. You know who you are and why you are here. You have 'come home' to

yourself and your Inner Being.

The Four of Wands reversed also has its shadow side. It may point to a lack of harmony or a breakdown in communication in your family or household. Tension might be rumbling between family members or loved ones, and you keep finding yourself getting caught up in other people's concerns and relationship problems. This may leave you uncertain about your relationships and what (or whom) you can and cannot depend on. You may also go through a period of transition in your family and home life and experience some discomfort as a result.

Given the upright Four of Wands reflects stability, the reversal of this card can suggest that you are going through an upheaval during which you have little stability and security. You may experience multiple changes in your life, such as changing jobs, moving house or leaving a relationship. While you know this is an important transition – one you need to make – it can be quite unsettling, knocking you out of balance and making you feel uncertain about your future.

Suggested Card Combinations

Four of Wands reversed + Four of Cups – You are reluctant to commit as you feel apathetic or 'flat' about a particular relationship or situation.

Four of Wands reversed + Ten of Wands – Increased responsibilities and commitments in other areas of your life are straining your home life and relationships.

FIVE OF WANDS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Conflict, disagreements, competition, tension, diversity.

Reversed: Inner conflict, conflict avoidance, tension release.

QUOTES

"Until you have learned to be tolerant with those who do not always agree with you; until you have cultivated the habit of saying some kind word of those whom you do not admire; until you have formed the habit of looking for the good instead of the bad there is in others, you will be neither successful nor happy." – Napoleon Hill (author)

"Everyone has a responsibility to not only tolerate another person's point of view but also to accept it eagerly as a challenge to your own understanding. And express those challenges in terms of serving other people." – Arlo Guthrie (folk singer)

"Fight for your opinions but do not believe that they contain the whole truth or the only truth." – Charles Anderson Dana (journalist and author)

DESCRIPTION

In the Five of Wands, five men appear to be fighting each other, using their Wands as weapons. However, on closer observation, their Wands are raised but not striking or injuring anyone. It is as if there is no real purpose or outcome in this chaotic scene other than to create conflict and sow discord amongst the group. Each man wears a different outfit, symbolising their diverse backgrounds and belief systems, and suggesting that, because of their differences, they cannot find harmony and common ground with one another.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

In the Tarot, the Fives typically represent conflict and change, and the Five of Wands is no exception. This card indicates that you are in the midst of battle, tension, and competition with others and it is impacting your ability to move forward with your goals. Rather than being able to work towards a common goal, you are running up against constant opposition.

With the Five of Wands, everyone is fighting to be heard. But guess what? No one is listening. When everybody has a different opinion, but no-one is stopping to hear each other out, conflict and misunderstandings will run rampant. If you find yourself in this situation, see it as an opportunity to rise above the chaos and disorder. Take a moment to listen to what others have to say – even if you agree to disagree. The key is to tune in to one another and allow each person to make their case. And perhaps, in the process, their opinions may become softer and quieter. They may also give you the respect you're seeking and listen to your viewpoint.

Sometimes, this type of conflict and discussion can be very productive, such as with group brainstorming and problem-solving. You need a constructive environment where you can test your ideas and have them challenged (and improved) by others. You may benefit from establishing a working group, committee or mastermind group with other individuals who bring varying perspectives and experiences. Be open to this debate as a positive contribution to improving the quality of your ideas and actions.

The Five of Wands also encourages diversity and differences of opinion. You may deal with people from different cultures and backgrounds and struggle to accept their way of living. Know that each person has something unique to bring to the table and that you will benefit by learning more about them and what they have to offer.

The Five of Wands encourages an enthusiastic approach to change. Transition (or even transformation) is coming whether or not you like it; your challenge will be in ensuring that everyone is on the same page and dealing with this shift constructively and positively. Currently, your group's energy is scattered by misdirected enthusiasm. Everybody has ideas, but no one is there to bring them into a logical path forward. Your role may be in identifying a clear strategy and purpose that can be implemented by all involved.

Career, Work and Finances

If you are looking for work, the Five of Wands suggests that your greatest challenge right now is not whether you are skilled enough for the job but whom you are competing against. Many talented individuals in the market are searching for similar roles, and they are just as competitive in their pursuit of a new position. You need to determine what makes you different from these people and sell this to your potential employers. How do you stand out from the crowd? What is your unique perspective? Do not worry if it is confrontational. The

important thing is that you have a point of view.

As you search for the right organisation, look for opportunities in companies with a high level of diversity on their team. You do not want to join a company that mirrors the same people or the same work as you did before. Instead, you are looking to be challenged and to expand your perspective by working with others who come from different experiences. You recognise that there may be some initial conflict and tension, particularly as you will all have your various points of view, but you are ready to hear other people and broaden your thinking.

In a stable job, the Five of Wands shows a high level of disagreement and even hostility within the work environment. You can turn this into constructive conflict by creating well-structured working groups or committees where everyone's opinion can be considered and then the group can come to a consensus. Leadership is vital in these circumstances, as you need someone to bring together all points of view and get everybody on the same page before progressing.

In a financial reading, the Five of Wands suggests that chaotic events are surrounding your money. The stock market may be in disarray and highly unpredictable. There may be conflict over an owed payment or an expected inheritance. You could also dispute an issue that has financial consequences.

Personality Types

The Five of Wands personality is competitive, oppositional and challenging. He (or she) enjoys a good argument or healthy discussion aimed at teasing out another's point of view and arriving at the best solution possible by considering all perspectives. However, this Five can sometimes be a difficult person to get along with, particularly if you find his or her confrontational or even aggressive behaviour threatening.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, the Five of Wands can mean you are coming up against a lot of competition and may struggle to find someone who is truly available. You may be involved in Internet dating or speed dating, where you almost have to fight for someone's attention, and this may prove too much. Or, you may come up against more aggressive people trying to win the heart of someone in whom you are interested. This card can also mark a time when you are meeting people who are quite confrontational, and instead of being able to focus on developing a loving relationship you are already battling it out and fighting.

In an established relationship, the Five of Wands can mean that you both need to juggle competing priorities such as work, social commitments and family responsibilities, leaving little quality time for each other. Can you simplify your schedules to allow for more time for just the two of you?

Additionally, the Five of Wands reflects an increased level of conflict in the relationship.

Some disputes may be constructive and help you better your connection, but there is a risk that some fights will prove destructive. Make sure you are listening to each other's points of view with respect and an open heart and mind. Be mindful, too, that there may be something your partner is not expressing but needs to get off his or her chest before this relationship can move forward.

Spirituality

The Five of Wands suggests a high level of tension and inner turmoil will ripple through your mind. Over the coming period, you will test your thoughts and opinions on various issues and may find you do not always have a clear point of view. You might realise your belief system is inconsistent with how you perceive the world. While this awareness will create some inner strife, it will push you to think differently about your perspectives. Be open to change and embrace this internal tension as a sign you are going through a significant transition.

Well-being and Health

In a health reading, the Five of Wands suggests that if you are engaged in a lot of adversity, and it may negatively impact your energy and stress levels. Focus on reducing the amount of tension in your life and on creating a greater sense of harmony and peace.

The Five of Wands may also indicate that you have been involved in some sort of violent conflict and sustained injuries from the skirmish.

Journaling Prompts

- How can I broaden my perspectives?
- What are others trying to tell me that I am not hearing?
- How can I embrace diversity?

Suggested Card Combinations

Five of Wands + Emperor – You are very determined to push your point of view (because you think you are always right), but you may be putting others off.

Five of Wands + Knight of Cups – You are fighting against others to win over the heart of a potential lover.

Five of Wands + Three of Swords – You are perpetually arguing with a loved one, and it is damaging the relationship and bringing a lot of hurt and pain to you both.

Five of Wands + Five of Swords – You are resolved to challenge others and progress your

personal goals to win; however, you are losing friends and gaining enemies this way, and it will impact your ability to succeed in your endeavours in the long run.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The Five of Wands reversed suggests that you are facing internal conflict and are unclear on where you stand on important issues. You may try to work through your point of view on contentious topics such as abortion, immigration, globalisation or the environment, or you may navigate personal issues such as whether to stay or leave a particular relationship or job. You have others around you who have strong views about what you should do and this is creating an enormous amount of tension and disagreement. Just when you think you have a clear perspective, someone challenges you on it, or you discover new information, and you change your standpoint again. This process is beneficial and will help you come to a well-researched and well-thought-out viewpoint. Know, too, that there is no right answer, and someone will disagree with the path you choose, so find the option that sits best with you. Align your head and your heart to discover a sense of peace within yourself.

The Five of Wands reversed can suggest that you have the tendency to avoid conflict wherever feasible. You may find that any tension makes you feel uneasy, and you wish it would just go away. So, you deflect a lot of that energy and ignore the problem, if there is one. The trouble, however, is that in doing this you may just be pushing some of your concerns to the side without dealing with them or asserting your point of view. Some conflict can be useful, particularly if it is constructive and draws out the underlying issues in a way that then generates a better solution. Consider whether always avoiding such discomfort is the best way to go or if you are finding yourself compromising on what is important to you.

The Five of Wands reversed is like a sigh of relief after a struggle. You are no longer up against so much competition and can just 'be.' On a more personal level, you have worked through your anger and hostility and feel more secure in your relationships. You do not have to prove yourself anymore.

Suggested Card Combinations

Five of Wands reversed + Temperance – Instead of challenging others, you are now more focused on working harmoniously with them to reach an agreement.

Five of Wands reversed + Two of Cups – You have reached a truce with a loved one after a period of fighting.

Five of Wands reversed + Three of Pentacles – You are finally collaborating better with your colleagues and generating a stronger sense of teamwork and cooperation.

SIX OF WANDS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Success, public recognition, progress, self-confidence.

Reversed: Private achievement, personal definition of success, fall from grace, egotism.

QUOTES

"It is important that you recognise your progress and take pride in your accomplishments. Share your achievements with others. Brag a little. The recognition and support of those around you is nurturing." – Rosemarie Rossetti (motivational speaker)

"Be more concerned with your character than your reputation. Your character is what you really are while your reputation is merely what others think you are." – John Wooden (basketball coach)

"Do not worry when you are not recognised but strive to be worthy of recognition."– Abraham Lincoln (US President)

DESCRIPTION

The Six of Wands depicts a man wearing a victory wreath around his head and riding a decorated white horse through a crowd of cheering people. His horse represents strength, purity and the successful progression of an adventure, and the group of people marks the public recognition for the man's achievements. The rider holds an upright wand with a wreath tied to the top, further emphasising success and achievement. He is not afraid to show off to others what he has accomplished in his life so far and, even better, the surrounding crowd is delighted to cheer him along.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Six of Wands appears when you have reached an important milestone or achieved a significant goal, and you are confident, self-assured, and successful. You harnessed your strengths and talents to bring about a happy outcome in your endeavours and made it through the chaos of the Five of Wands, minimising your distractions and focusing on the task at hand. Yes, there were challenges along the way, but you overcame them by concentrating your energies on the one target.

The Six of Wands suggests that not only have you achieved your goals, but you are also receiving public acknowledgement for your efforts. You may have recently received an award, acclaim or recognition from your peers for your work. It may even be just a pat on the back, but this attention is a big boost to your confidence and gives you the strength to continue your endeavours.

The Six of Wands also encourages you to put yourself out there and be proud of what you achieved. Shout your successes from the rooftop and set it all out there for others to see and cheer you on. Be open to receiving love and support from your biggest cheerleaders, who are energised by seeing you succeed. Now is your time to shine!

The Six of Wands is a positive encouragement to believe in who you are and your accomplishments so far. Have faith in what you've done and how others will receive it. Do not let fear or guilt stand in the way of your success. You ought to be proud! Hold your head up high and know you're worthy of admiration.

While the Six of Wands marks an important milestone, keep in mind that you're not quite at the finish line just yet. You still have some way to go, and challenges may sit on the path ahead – but take heart knowing you have the support of those around you and they are here to back you 100%.

Career, Work and Finances

If you are looking for a new job, the Six of Wands suggests that you will succeed in getting the role you want. You will walk into your interviews full of confidence and ready to talk about your accomplishments with pride. You may even draw upon recent awards and public recognition for your work to win over your potential employer.

In a current job, the Six of Wands indicates that you will receive praise for a job well done. You may be the recipient of a work-related or industry award, and your peers will look up to you for your recent successes and achievements. Now is a positive time for you. However, keep in mind that you will need to sustain a level of high performance as it is now almost expected of you.

The Six of Wands also invites you to create even more success through building your personal brand and reputation. You want to be successful at what you do, but at the same time, you want to ensure that others know about it and give you the recognition you deserve. You may need to promote yourself more frequently by sharing your experience and advice with others and encouraging them to follow a similar journey. If you do not already, you will soon have some great success stories to share within your networks. You may even be interested in applying for awards or scholarships to build your brand and receive public approval.

Financially, the Six of Wands suggests that you may have received a financial reward as a result of your efforts and accomplishments. It may be a performance bonus, a scholarship or grant or an educational prize. This reward has little to do with luck and has everything to do with your hard work.

Personality Types

The Six of Wands personality is someone who is achievement-oriented, well accomplished, performance-driven and recognised by many others for his accomplishments. He is not afraid to tell others about his successes and victories as he thoroughly enjoys being in the limelight and receiving public recognition. There may be a tendency to be a little overconfident and boastful at times, but the Six of Wands just wants to share the positive energy of his achievements to benefit others.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, the Six of Wands offers wonderful encouragement and suggests that you may find a new potential partner soon. There is also an element of public recognition with the Six of Wands, indicating that you will feel quite proud of yourself for being noticed by this person.

If you are in an established relationship, then the energy between you both will be high-vibe and flowing. As a couple, you are more likely to give each other positive feedback and appreciation, enhancing each other's self-confidence and pride. It is also possible that you will be publicly recognised for something associated with your connection. For example, your relationship may get profiled in a magazine, you might win a 'best couple' award at a fun event, or you may celebrate an important milestone, such as a twentieth wedding anniversary, with your friends.

Spirituality

The Six of Wands suggests gratitude for the encouragement and inspiration that other people give you. On a higher level, this card can be about feeling blessed by the Universe and sensing that someone is looking down on you from above. This Six can also refer to a spiritual breakthrough or public recognition for your spiritual insight and understanding.

Well-being and Health

The Six of Wands suggests that you will triumph over a specific health issue. You may have had an excellent recovery from an illness and are very proud of everything you accomplished in improving your health. Your overall well-being will also benefit from the good energy and positive vibes from others.

Journaling Prompts

- What does success mean to me?
- Who are my biggest cheerleaders?
- What achievements am I most proud of?

Suggested Card Combinations

Six of Wands + Three of Pentacles – Your peers and colleagues will recognise you for your work accomplishments.

Six of Wands + World – Expect international recognition and acclaim.

Six of Wands + Sun – You are incredibly upbeat and confident about your recent successes, and this outlook is likely to continue for the long term.

Six of Wands + Nine of Cups – You hold a personal sense of fulfilment and accomplishment and are content with having achieved everything you wanted.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The Six of Wands reversed suggests that you have reached a significant personal milestone, but unlike the upright version of this card, you prefer to keep it to yourself right now. You may be uncomfortable receiving public praise for your work, or it may be such a private achievement that you have no reason to share it with others. Check in with yourself though: are you avoiding sharing it because you lack confidence or feel nervous about being too over-the-top?

The reversed Six of Wands encourages you to create your own definition of success. If you have found yourself seeking approval and validation or comparing yourself to others, you may have stripped yourself of your personal power and self-belief. Rather than relying on someone else's opinions of what is 'successful' and what is not, bring your energy and attention within and ask yourself, 'What does success mean to me?' Your answer will look different from other people's interpretations because your values and priorities are unique

to you. When you are clear about what success means to you, you will make better decisions that are more in alignment with who you really are, and increase your confidence and independence – and that's a good thing!

At times, the reversed Six of Wands may suggest that you had a fall from grace and did not receive the public recognition you were seeking. You got no feedback for your efforts, or received criticism instead. You may have expected things to work well, but instead, you are being punished or neglected. Now, your confidence has taken a hit, as has your professional reputation or at least your perception of your status. If a particular project has not been as successful as you had hoped, you may be better off moving to a new environment so you can rebuild your personal brand rather than trying to fix something already broken.

The shadow side of the reversed Six of Wands is that it can also bring self-importance, arrogance and egotistical behaviours. Armed with a win and a boost to your self-confidence, you may come to think that nobody is better than you. If you take on this selfish attitude, someone is likely to want to knock you down a peg, bringing disappointment and potential disrepute later on. Reign in your ego and make your victory all the sweeter.

Suggested Card Combinations

Six of Wands reversed + Sun – You are aligning with what lights you up inside, rather than seeking approval or validation from others.

Six of Wands reversed + Five of Cups – You experienced a recent loss or defeat and may feel humiliated or embarrassed as a result.

Six of Wands reversed + Nine of Swords – You are engaging in negative self-talk and self-deprecating behaviours, making it very hard to believe in yourself and pull out of this depression.

SEVEN OF WANDS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Challenge, competition, protection, perseverance.

Reversed: Exhaustion, giving up, overwhelmed.

QUOTES

"It is fatal to enter any war without the will to win it." – Douglas MacArthur

"Give to us clear vision that we may know where to stand and what to stand for—because unless we stand for something, we shall fall for anything." – Peter Marshall (TV game show host)

"No man can fight his way to the top and stay at the top without exercising the fullest measure of grit, courage, determination, resolution. Every man who gets anywhere does so because he has first firmly resolved to progress in the world and then has enough stick-to-it-iveness to transform his resolution into reality. Without resolution, no man can win any worthwhile place among his fellow men." – B. C. Forbes (publisher)

"Never give in! Never give in! Never, never, never, never—in nothing great or small, large or petty. Never give in except to convictions of honour and good sense." – Winston Churchill

DESCRIPTION

The Seven of Wands depicts a man on top of a hill, armed with a wand in each hand and fighting off six more Wands drawing up from below. He seems to be defending his territory and his successes. Interestingly, the man is wearing two different shoes, suggesting that he may have been caught unaware or unprepared for battle, or he may be unclear of his own stance and opinion.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

After the success of the Six of Wands, you are now in an enviable position and are being challenged by others who want to take your place. You worked hard to get to where you are, but some people covet what you have and are prepared to fight you for it. While it is flattering that they strive for your success, it also makes for a tense and competitive environment because you need to protect what you earned and must continually prove yourself.

It is a sad fact of life, but the more visibility you have as a leader in your field and the bigger your audience, the more likely it is that you will need to grapple with this kind of pressure. Others see your success and will either challenge your point of view or want to take you down; in Australia, we call it the 'tall poppy syndrome'. When the Seven of Wands appears in a Tarot reading, expect to see an increase in 'haters', trolls and people who disagree with you. You will need to secure your territory and fight for what you stand for. You may also want to engage a lawyer or a loyal support team who can defend you from any possible threat.

The Seven of Wands may appear when you hold a contentious point of view or wish to voice your opinion in a public forum. Be ready to support your argument and back yourself. Stand firm in your conviction of what you believe (and why) so that others do not topple you from your mountain of self-belief.

Sometimes, this threat or opposition may catch you by surprise, and you feel inadequately prepared for such a battle. Just like the man in the card has rushed to put his shoes on and ended up with a mismatched pair, you must scramble to fight even though you don't have everything in place. To be better prepared next time, the Seven of Wands encourages you to map out any potential threats or risks before moving ahead with your plans. That way, you can have a 'worst-case scenario' plan ready to go.

The Seven of Wands can also mean a challenge to the success of a creative project from an external source. Someone or something may get in the way of you being able to pursue your goals and dreams. While it appears to block your path forward, you can overcome this obstacle by drawing upon your strong self-confidence, self-belief, and continual self-improvement. Establish clear boundaries and then protect them so that others do not mess with you. Hold your ground, take a stand, and defend your position at all costs. This will require courage and persistence, but you have the strength and determination to do it. Keep fighting for what you believe in and confront those who may oppose or threaten you.

Career, Work and Finances

If you are searching for work, the Seven of Wands notes that you are likely to run up against a lot of competition and will need to prove yourself and your worth to maintain your top position. Be ready for a challenge, not only by other applicants but also by your prospective employers.

Come to your interviews with solid examples of your work and a clear understanding of why you are the best person for the job.

In a work-related reading, the Seven of Wands can suggest that you have recently seen a lot of success in your job, but now your peers and superiors are challenging you. Your colleagues see you as a high performer, but you must continue to deliver consistently excellent results; otherwise, you will be criticised and taken down. You may also find yourself in a situation where you must defend your point of view; make sure you collect reliable data to back yourself up.

In a financial reading, the Seven of Wands warns that you need to protect your investments from others who may want what you have. You may also find yourself involved in a lawsuit around finances.

Personality Types

Seven of Wands personalities are fighters who will stand up for themselves, no matter what. They have already achieved great success in life and refuse to let other people get in the way of their future wins, nor will they allow others to put them down. They are expert debaters and can present their point of view so skilfully that it cannot be opposed or brought down.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, the Seven of Wands implies that you are prepared to 'do battle' to win over the person you are interested in, even if others covet his or her attention. You have a strong sense of self-confidence and believe you deserve only the best in your relationships; thus, you are prepared to fight for that.

In an established relationship, the Seven of Wands can suggest that you are both challenging and opposing each other, and you may be critical of one another. Choose your battles and give each other some breathing space and flexibility to be yourselves. Sometimes, however, the Seven of Wands can point to a problematic partner who will continue to defend his or her actions. Unwilling to give in and apologise, your partner is ready to protect his or her territory and opinion – no matter what. You may hear excuses like, 'This is just who I am', and 'Take it or leave it', which could be incredibly frustrating.

If your relationship is struggling, the Seven of Wands tells you it's worth fighting for. You will be challenged along the way, and others might question what you are doing, but you firmly believe in this relationship and see its potential. Your connection with your partner is essential to you, and you want it to work. Know the journey ahead will be trying, and you need to confront some tough issues – but this 'fight' can help you to re-establish your sense of commitment to each other and get to a better place.

Spirituality

The Sevens are all about attaining higher wisdom through a process of testing, internal examination and choice. Thus, when the Seven of Wands appears in a spiritual reading, see it as a sign that you are spiritually challenged and tested by others or even the Universe. Now is not the time to give up and give in but to stand your ground and develop an even firmer understanding of where your beliefs lie.

Well-being and Health

If you are always defending yourself and standing up to your opposition, you may experience stress-related health issues. The Seven of Wands calls you to pay attention to how stress may impact your body and to look out for stomach issues.

Journaling Prompts

- What am I fighting for?
- What am I willing to protect fiercely?
- What do I stand for?

Suggested Card Combinations

Seven of Wands + Chariot – After a period of opposition and challenge matched by self-determination and strength, you will come out victorious.

Seven of Wands + Justice – You need to defend yourself in front of a court of law or an authoritative ruling party, or you are fighting a protracted legal battle.

Seven of Wands + Three of Swords – Quarrelling and disagreements in a relationship are leading to misunderstandings and hurt feelings.

Seven of Wands + King of Wands – Others are inspired by your passion and your commitment to your beliefs and are likely to join you in the fight.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The Seven of Wands reversed shows that external pressure is weighing you down, leaving you doubting yourself and whether everything is worth it. It may seem as if you are under constant opposition. At first, you could hold firm, but after a relentless battle, you are now exhausted and ready to give up altogether. Don't let this get to you! Even if you are weary, this card urges you to keep fighting for what you believe in. Stand strong, own your position and don't change who you are just to keep others happy.

The Seven of Wands reversed can also mean you think others are perpetually criticising you. Your family or friends are questioning your choices, such as staying in a challenging relationship or an unfulfilling job, and you would prefer if they could just keep their mouths shut and let you be!

The Seven of Wands reversed serves as a reminder that you will not always win everyone over. There will still be challenges and opposition to your point of view, and you cannot keep everyone happy all the time. Thus, it is time to draw your line in the sand and say, 'This is who I am, and this is what I need right now'. There cannot be any compromise or negotiation at this stage; hold your ground with determination and courage.

The reversed Seven of Wands may affirm that you are overwhelmed by the challenges and responsibilities in your life, finding yourself quickly snowed under and unable to look at the bigger picture. You may have taken on too many commitments and now want to focus your attention on only one or two things. You may also worry that you must compete against others, leaving you feeling somewhat inadequate and vulnerable. Rebuild your self-esteem and confidence and have faith that you can achieve what you set out to do.

Finally, the Seven of Wands reversed can appear when you are trying to avoid conflict wherever possible and, as a result, you are backing down from your point of view too easily (or too often). As soon as someone challenges or opposes you, you compromise or give in, instead of standing up for yourself. Is being accepted and liked by others more important than fighting for what you believe in? Alternatively, you may have tried everything and given it your best shot, but you now see it is not worth the struggle. Even though you might not have made any progress yet, it is time to let this one go and move on. Yes, it may feel like giving up but, in the long run, it will be for the best.

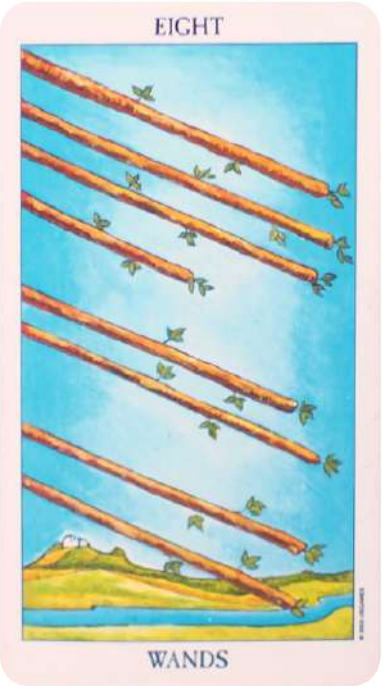
Suggested Card Combinations

Seven of Wands reversed + Four of Swords – You are choosing to take a passive stance on an issue rather than fight for your beliefs.

Seven of Wands reversed + Seven of Swords – Another person has taken advantage of you in a moment of vulnerability and weak defence.

EIGHT OF WANDS

KEYWORDS



Upright: Movement, fast paced change, action, alignment, air travel.

Reversed: Delays, frustration, resisting change, internal alignment.

QUOTES

"Inaction breeds doubt and fear. Action breeds confidence and courage. If you want to conquer fear, do not sit home and think about it. Go out and get busy." – Dale Carnegie (writer)

"Do not wait. The time will never be just right." – Napoleon Hill (author)

"You see, in life, lots of people know what to do but few people actually do what they know. Knowing is not enough!

You must take action." – Anthony Robbins (American motivational author)

DESCRIPTION

The Eight of Wands shows eight sprouting Wands sailing through the air at high speed. Their flight suggests change, movement and travel. The sky is clear and the beautiful river is flowing freely and giving life to the surrounding landscape.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Eight of Wands says the struggles of the Seven of Wands have now all but cleared and you have the freedom and space to move forward with your plans once again. This Eight is a dynamic card, containing a high level of energy that propels you forward to reach your goals at a much faster pace than ever before. You can expect to be very busy, but this is one of those 'good busy' periods during which you are enthusiastic about the progress you are making.

The Eight of Wands encourages you to go with the flow; don't resist it. Everything is moving fast right now, so make the most of this forward momentum to manifest your goals and dreams. Allow the energy of the Universe to flow through you and propel you closer to your goal. Trying to slow things down because you're not ready or you're fearful about the unknown will just waste this opportunity. Use the energy instead to fuel positive change and produce significant results.

The Eight of Wands also invites you to be laser-focused with your intentions and actions. Determine what you want to manifest and then align all of your resources and energy to focus on that singular goal. Remove all distractions and devote yourself to the task with total concentration, determination and will. This experience can be highly productive, allowing you to accomplish a lot in a short time.

With the Eight of Wands, you can look forward to the rapid completion of a project currently underway, but you can also expect to be occupied by something new and even more exciting soon. There is no stopping you right now as you are just bursting with energy and ideas, and you cannot wait to achieve one task and start another. To maximise this energy, make sure your activities align with your broader goals and invest in the right things at the right time. Also, make sure your previous task is complete before you move to the next one.

This card is a sign to 'strike while the iron is hot.' It is most definitely an action-oriented card that encourages you to move quickly to pursue the best opportunities available. There is no waiting around while the Eight of Wands is present, so determine where your energy should go and get on with it!

Often, the Eight of Wands suggests air travel, a short-term or whirlwind trip, such as a business trip or holiday. You may even enjoy being part of a tour group that visits ten countries in as many days!

Career, Work and Finances

As a card of quick change and action, the Eight of Wands could signal a coming change in your employment status or that a job search is about to speed ahead. Be ready to act so as not to miss out on any opportunities.

In a work-related reading, the Eight of Wands can mean that a significant proportion of your work will require air travel and frequent, short trips for business. Alternatively, you will be expected to keep up with demanding timelines and a need for speed. Given that the Wands in this card are all in straight lines together, the Eight of Wands can also show that you are streamlining your work activities to increase efficiency and speed, and you may be involved in areas such as business process re-engineering, total quality management or Six Sigma projects.

In a career-related reading, the Eight of Wands might point out that your ideal job would be one that requires quick thought and action. You will need a sharp mind to keep up with the challenges of such a fast-paced job, as decisions will need to be made within a split second, and there will be little room for error. This could be an exhausting job, but it also could be gratifying financially and emotionally.

In a financial reading, the Eight of Wands indicates that there will be swift (usually positive) changes, which will impact your finances. You may need to make a quick decision, or you may get inspired to jump on a 'hot stock' or trend for your financial gain.

Personality Types

The Eight of Wands is someone who is highly energetic, quick thinking, action-oriented, fast-paced and always up with the latest news and technology. These people exude 'busy' energy and are always actively involved in numerous activities at the one time, yet they seem to cope with the intensity well. They may like to travel and maintain an exciting lifestyle filled with action and new experiences. It can be tough to get Eight of Wands people to sit still for long as they are very impatient and eager to move on to the next challenge.

Relationships and Love

In a new relationship, the Eight of Wands implies that you will be swept off your feet by a whirlwind romance. You may become infatuated with your new partner, wanting to spend every minute and every second together.

In an established relationship, the Eight of Wands may still indicate that the relationship is moving forward quickly and you are finding yourselves already talking about marriage only a few months in. You may also consider an overseas holiday or move for something different.

Spirituality

In a spiritual reading, the Eight of Wands provokes a sudden opening of the mind to a new level of understanding and spiritual expansion. You may have a breakthrough moment during which your spiritual path becomes crystal clear, and you can take immediate action to bring about change and transformation in your life.

Well-being and Health

In a health reading, the Eight of Wands may point to issues around hormones, adrenaline and other body and mind-altering chemicals. Be careful not to overdo it with caffeine or high-intensity activities, even if it gives you an immediate 'buzz.'

Journaling Prompts

- How can I be in the flow?
- How can I align my efforts for the best results?
- What changes are sweeping through my life right now?

Suggested Card Combinations

Eight of Wands + Fool – A trip around the world will help you discover yourself and open your mind to new beginnings.

Eight of Wands + Magician – You are taking rapid action to move your plans forward and manifest your goals.

Eight of Wands + Two of Cups – You have established an instant connection with someone special and are eager to move the relationship forward.

Eight of Wands + Eight of Cups – You have made a recent decision to walk away from a relationship that is no longer working for you, and you already feel a sense of freedom and relief.

Eight of Wands + Knight of Wands – A hot and passionate affair with a lot of sexual chemistry.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The Eight of Wands reversed suggests that you are charging ahead with an idea or plan, but you need to slow down and consider your next steps before continuing. You may miss something in your haste and be prone to making mistakes or poor decisions. Or, you may rush into things without a clear plan of where you are heading, instead of investing time into trivial tasks. Be careful of the 'bright shiny object syndrome' where, just as you get started on implementing one idea, another one comes to mind, and you switch your focus. The trouble is that with this approach, you never accomplish anything because you are jumping from one idea to the next and finishing none of them.

The Eight of Wands reversed can warn that you are resisting change, trying to stop the flow

of energy and movement. It will only make things harder, so let go and be in the flow. If you have been feeling stuck, do things differently (new routines, locations, activities) and get the energy moving once again.

The reversed Eight of Wands can mark significant delays, particularly concerning travel or fast-moving plans. Despite having a lot of energy and enthusiasm to progress things forward, you now face multiple obstacles in your course. This is incredibly frustrating, and you may be growing increasingly impatient by the day. Keep looking for alternative ways around the challenges presented so you can carry out your plans. If it's Mercury Retrograde, expect your plans to be doubly delayed!

Similarly, this card can be a sign to hold off your activities for a short amount of time until the situation becomes more stable and predictable.

On the other hand, the reversed Eight of Wands may be a sign that you are aligning your resources so you can actively pursue your goal. You are getting your life in order – physical health, emotional well-being, energy levels or spirituality – so that you are in an excellent position to move forward with your plans.

Suggested Card Combinations

Eight of Wands reversed + Hanged Man – Best to hold off activities at this stage to allow yourself some extra thinking time to plan your path forward.

Eight of Wands reversed + Seven of Pentacles – You need to assess your current situation before acting to achieve long-term results.

NINE OF WANDS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Resilience, courage, persistence, test of faith, boundaries.

Reversed: Inner resources, struggle, overwhelm, defensive, paranoia.

QUOTES

"Only a man who knows what it is like to be defeated can reach down to the bottom of his soul and come up with the extra ounce of power it takes to win when the match is even." – Muhammad Ali (boxer)

"You learn you can do your best even when it is hard, even when you are tired and maybe hurting a little bit. It feels good to show some courage." – Joe Namath (football player)

"Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experiences of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired and success achieved." – Helen Keller (blind/deaf author)

DESCRIPTION

The Nine of Wands shows an injured man, clutching a wand. He looks over his shoulder towards the eight Wands that loom over him. He seems weary and worn, as though he has already been through a battle and now must face additional challenges with the presence of these eight Wands. As a Nine, though, this is his final challenge before reaching his goal; he must endure this last test of his strength and character before reaching the finish line.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Nine of Wands comes as a sign that even in the face of adversity, you stand tall and strong. You may be on the edge of exhaustion, but you are resilient, persistent, and ready to do what it takes to get to the finish line.

This card may also come when you feel battered and bruised, having endured significant challenges and struggles along your path. Just when you think you are making progress, you suffer another setback. The Nine of Wands asks you to trust that this is merely a test of your 'grit' and resilience, and know that every time you overcome an obstacle, you are getting stronger. You have the inner resources necessary to overcome any difficulty you encounter, even though it may seem impossible at the time. See this Nine as an assurance that you will eventually prosper if you maintain your position. And, if you do not succeed at first, then try again.

The Nine of Wands encourages you to keep pushing – you are so close to the finish line. Even if you want to give up, this is your final challenge before you reach your goal, so don't let go of your hopes and dreams when you are so close to making them a reality. Stand firm in the face of your challenges, and you will achieve your goal.

Others may try to oppose your plans, make things difficult for you, or even attack you for what you are putting out into the world. Often, they do it because they're jealous of your success or are projecting their own insecurities and fears on you. Don't let them get to you. You are a change-maker, and you have a vital message to share in this world. Don't dim your light because of others' insecurities.

On a more positive note, you have people who support you. The Nine of Wands invites you to find your cheerleaders and personal bodyguards, those who will protect you from the ongoing challenges and cheer you on to the finish line. Even if others oppose you, you have many more people who support your cause. Let them help you.

Finally, the advice of the Nine of Wands is to establish your boundaries and fiercely protect those lines. If you allowed others to stand in your way or deplete your energy, it is likely that you have not asserted yourself effectively with those people to protect yourself. Get clear on what you need in this situation to be successful and reach your goals, and then communicate those needs to others. On the same note, be aware that too many barriers will prevent others from getting close to you or helping you. Bring your conscious awareness to how you are proactively using boundaries to protect your energy.

Career, Work and Finances

In a work-related reading, the Nine of Wands suggests a high level of tension at work is making you defend yourself and your position. Perhaps you recently engaged in a delicate project or

made a risky move, and now your decision-making process is coming into question. You will need to clearly explain what you did and why. Your job may also be under threat, requiring you to prove why your role should be retained.

In a financial reading, the Nine of Wands suggests that you may suffer setbacks or losses in your financial investments. Take a conservative approach and make sure you keep an 'emergency fund' so you don't get caught by surprise if something goes awry.

Personality Types

At their best, Nine of Wands personalities are resilient, courageous, confident and self-assured. They are ready to do battle and can face up to any challenge thrown at them. However, these Nines are not infallible. At times, they may get exhausted, burnt out and defensive or even paranoid, particularly if they feel vulnerable or are in a weakened position. All they need is your love and support to remind them you have their back.

Relationships and Love

In a relationship reading, the Nine of Wands can suggest that you were hurt before and are now worried about being hurt again. While you still carry the scars from the past, remember that every relationship is different, and just because you experienced pain in the past does not mean you will next time. Now is the time to leave this hurt behind you and embrace a more open mind about future relationships. You must learn to trust again and have faith that love is real and can exist in your future relationships.

If you are looking for love, be careful that you are not too aloof and stand-offish with the people you meet. While you are keen to protect yourself from getting hurt, you also need to take a calculated risk and open up about yourself to fully experience the positivity of love.

In an established relationship, be mindful that you are not always in 'defence mode'; make sure you listen to your partner's opinions as much as you offer your own. You may also be inclined to hide a part of yourself from him or her, but doing so will only create distrust in the relationship. On the positive side, the Nine of Wands suggests that even though the relationship has its challenges, you are still standing by your man or woman and are committed to working things through into the future.

Spirituality

Despite being knocked down and challenged by others about your spiritual beliefs, you continue to stand up for what you believe in. You may have been hurt by someone else's comments or judgements about your views, but you are holding fast to your beliefs and know this ordeal is just a test of your faith. Your mission will benefit from your self-discipline and resilience as you pursue your faith.

Well-being and Health

You may be very determined to fight a longer-term health issue, and though the illness is taking its toll on you, you are persevering and slowly winning this battle. Given the Nine of Wands shows a bandaged man, this card may point to head injuries or other injuries that require bandaging.

Journaling Prompts

- Who will support me, no matter what?
- What resources do I have that will help me through this challenging time?
- What advice does my Higher Self have for me as I overcome these challenges?

Suggested Card Combinations

Nine of Wands + Strength – Believe in yourself and trust that you have the inner toughness to get through these final challenges.

Nine of Wands + Hermit – You believe you are alone in your battles and this ordeal is a test of your personal faith.

Nine of Wands + Sun – You are so close to victory and success, so do not give up just yet! Keep up your motivation by concentrating your attention on achieving your goal.

Nine of Wands + Three of Swords – You were hurt in the past and are protecting your heart from further pain, sorrow and loss.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The Nine of Wands reversed suggests that you are struggling to keep working towards your goal. The challenges on your path are relentless, pummelling you with setback after setback. You don't know if you can cope with it anymore and may be ready to give up. Just know that you are oh-so-close to completing this challenge. Draw upon your internal resources – your resilience, inner courage, positive self-talk and mindset – to keep you going. You have it in you to turn this challenging situation into a fantastic success (and to help others facing similar hurdles). Keep fighting – you've got this!

The Nine of Wands reversed can also appear when you feel overcome by your responsibilities or lack the support of those around you. It seems as if life is all work and no play. If you know this is a temporary setback, you may just need to push through it for now so you can get to the finish line. Also, make sure you do not take on any other commitments at this stage until

you have more control over your circumstances. If you cannot see any end in sight, then get help – hire a personal assistant or a housecleaner, enlist the support of your loved ones, or work with a coach or therapist to help you manage.

Sometimes, the reversed Nine of Wands can indicate paranoia, defensiveness and concern that everyone is out to get you. You may think you are always under attack by the same group of people or you are unfairly targeted. Often, this is a sign of fear from within you rather than an actual external threat. Focus on your own game and don't worry about what other people are thinking or saying about you.

Suggested Card Combinations

Nine of Wands reversed + Eight of Swords – You are overwhelmed by your current circumstances and unable to surmount your obstacles. Seek the help of a friend or family member to give you some respite.

Nine of Wands reversed + Nine of Swords – You are worrying yourself and creating a high level of anxiety as you fear other people are out to get to you.

TEN OF WANDS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Burden, extra responsibility, hard work, completion.

Reversed: Doing it all, carrying the burden, delegation, release.

QUOTES

"Determination gives you the resolve to keep going in spite of the roadblocks that lay before you." – Denis Waitley (author and speaker)

"Heaven grant that the burden you carry may have as easy an exit as it had an entrance." – Desiderius Erasmus (humanist)

"It is not the load that breaks you down, it is the way you carry it." – Lena Horne (singer)

DESCRIPTION

The Ten of Wands shows a man carrying a large bundle of sticks towards a small town only a short distance away. His back is bent and he appears to be weighed down by the heavy load he is carrying, but he knows he is almost at his destination and will soon be able to release the heavy weight he is bearing.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Ten of Wands notes that you are taking on an extra burden, a heavier workload, or greater responsibility. Even though it is weighing you down and making things tougher for you, you understand it is only temporary, so you are willing to put in the hard work now to accomplish your goal and reap the rewards later. For example, you may work extra hours to save up for a family holiday. Or you may help out a friend with moving house, knowing they will return the favour when you move later in the year. Or you may care for a sick family member, adding to your responsibilities at home but knowing your loved one deeply appreciates it.

Sometimes, the Ten of Wands appears when you are unconsciously taking on extra responsibility and finding yourself feeling weighed down, exhausted and burnt out. You may try to do everything at once, even though you know it is adding extra pressure to your daily life. The Ten of Wands asks you to stop and examine your current lifestyle or work. Assess which activities or tasks are urgent or important, particularly concerning your broader goals. You may need to use various time management or prioritisation methods to determine where best to spend your time and which tasks you can drop. Your goal needs to be higher efficiency while also freeing yourself up for rest and relaxation when you need it.

The good news is that the Tens in Tarot represent the completion of a cycle, and with the Ten of Wands, the end is in sight! You have been pushing yourself to your limits and working very hard towards your goal. Now, you are taking those final steps on the path to realising your dreams. Sure, you might collapse in a heap of exhaustion when you get there, but you know it will be all worth it and well earned!

The Ten of Wands can also show that even with the achievement of your goal, some significant responsibilities and commitments come with it. When you reach a point of completion, you become starkly aware that you must now carry on with the duties you have laid out for yourself, to ensure ongoing success. The trouble is, however, that these responsibilities may become too much to bear and you are struggling to let go. It is like the business owner who creates a flourishing business but is unprepared to delegate some of his or her responsibilities to the staff and ends up working seventy to eighty hours a week. The inspiration and creativity that came with the initial goal or vision disappear and everything becomes hard work all too quickly. Thus, it is essential to let go of or delegate some of your responsibilities to free you up to still enjoy life.

Career, Work and Finances

In a work-related reading, the Ten of Wands warns that you have taken on too many responsibilities at work and your workload is unrealistically heavy right now. Often, this is a result of micromanaging or refusing to delegate your duties to other staff members. You

simply cannot do everything, and you must find ways to share the load with your colleagues and staff, who are no doubt eager to help out and take on more responsibility.

If you are searching for a new job, you may be too consumed in your current work or other activities to give yourself sufficient time or space to find that new job. As such, your efforts are likely to be wasted, and you will struggle to find a desirable opportunity.

In a financial reading, the Ten of Wands signals that you have taken on too much debt and you are now almost drowning in this debt. If you do not act now, your financial situation may get worse. Seek the advice and guidance of a financial advisor or a debt counsellor to help you get out of this situation.

Personality Types

Ten of Wands personalities are likely to be micromanagers and struggle to delegate effectively. They can often be heard talking about the long hours they work and the huge workloads they have to deal with. However, we all know life would be much easier for them if they could only delegate or re-prioritise their activities. This Ten is also someone who takes on too much and who does not know when to stop or ask for help. If you see this person struggling under pressure, then offer a helping hand and do not take 'no' for an answer.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, the Ten of Wands can suggest that you are so consumed with other responsibilities that you have neither the time nor space for a new relationship. You will need to free yourself from those other commitments if you are serious about finding the right partnership and investing time into it.

In an established relationship, the Ten of Wands suggests that you, as a couple, are overcome by your responsibilities. You may have a young family demanding your time and energy, or you may have multiple work commitments that pull your focus away from your partner. The relationship itself is now being seen as a burden or yet another item on the schedule. You need to take some quality time together.

Spirituality

The Ten of Wands represents a fundamental spiritual paradox: with enlightenment comes responsibility. Your spiritual path will always lead to more work that needs to be done – fortunately you are increasingly capable of handling it. Things get both harder and easier. You are also aware that with the end of one cycle, you must then prepare for the next, which is likely to be an even greater undertaking.

Well-being and Health

The Ten of Wands can indicate that stress is taking its toll on your body, usually as a backache, tension in the neck and shoulder region, headaches and general health issues resulting from overwork. Find ways to relieve some of this stress. Aim to bring more rest and relaxation into your life and explore how you can delegate some of your responsibilities to reduce stress.

Given the heavy load that the man in the Ten of Wands is carrying, this card can quite literally mean back pain or injury. Be careful how you lift heavy items or carry heavy bags. Take special care of your back and consider massage to relieve any tension.

Journaling Prompts

- Where are you taking on more responsibility than is necessary?
- What tasks and activities can you delegate or eliminate?
- What is the payoff for taking on this extra burden?

Suggested Card Combinations

Ten of Wands + Hanged Man reversed – You may be acting the martyr by taking on everything and refusing the help of others.

Ten of Wands + Temperance – You need greater balance and moderation in your life to maintain emotional and spiritual health. Stop taking on multiple commitments and responsibilities.

Ten of Wands + Wheel of Fortune – While you have to bear the additional burden and responsibility now, you are very close to reaching your destination and being able to enjoy the fruits of your labour.

Ten of Wands + Judgement – You accept your responsibilities and know they are a necessary part of your life journey.

Ten of Wands + Five of Pentacles – Financial burdens, debt and poverty are weighing you down, and you are only just getting by.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

When the Ten of Wands reversed appears in a Tarot reading, it is often a sign that you are trying to do too much by yourself. In your effort to be everything to everyone, you have found yourself struggling under the weight of it all. Delegate and share the work – you don't have to do it alone. And be firm in saying no to the things you know you can't take on. It is imperative you put your self-care and personal well-being first; otherwise you'll burn yourself out and be of no help to anyone. It's just like they say, 'Put on your own oxygen mask first before helping others'.

Similarly, the Ten of Wands reversed suggests that you are carrying a heavy weight on your shoulders, but you are keeping this private and are unwilling to share your burden with others. You may be grappling with emotional trauma, carrying a dark secret, or dealing with increased responsibilities. However, you do not feel comfortable sharing this with others, by talking about it or asking for help. In effect, you are pushing away the people who can help you. It may also be a huge relief to you when you do share some of this burden with others, as they are ready and willing to support you.

Sometimes, the reversed Ten of Wands shows that you are holding on to this burden when you do not need to do so. If you are feeling weighed down by your present circumstances, look at ways you might lighten the load. Can you delegate certain tasks and responsibilities? Are you worrying about matters that do not concern you or cannot be changed? Do not become a martyr and take on more than you can realistically handle. On the positive side, if you are going through a challenging time, then the Ten of Wands reversed assures you that this time will soon pass and you will be able to set down this weight.

You may also be actively identifying those activities that do not bring you any value in your life, and you are releasing yourself from these additional responsibilities. Consider going through a purging process, clearing out old clothes and selling old furniture, to declutter and simplify your life. You will benefit from better organisation and prioritisation and enjoy the lightness that comes with such release.

Suggested Card Combinations

Ten of Wands reversed + Nine of Swords – You are holding onto a secret, and it is creating stress and despair for you. Talk it over with a close friend to help lighten the load.

Ten of Wands reversed + Fool – You have adopted a carefree attitude and are living in the moment rather than being weighed down by responsibility.

Ten of Wands reversed + Death – You are going through a purging process, releasing yourself of the hardships of the past and allowing yourself more freedom and space to welcome the new.

PAGE OF WANDS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Inspiration, ideas, discovery, limitless potential, free spirit.

Reversed: Newly-formed ideas, redirecting energy, self-limiting beliefs, a spiritual path.

QUOTES

"Right now you are one choice away from a new beginning—one that leads you toward becoming the fullest human being you can be." – Oprah Winfrey

"Be daring, be different, be impractical, be anything that will assert integrity of purpose and imaginative vision against the play-it-safers, the creatures of the commonplace, the slaves of the ordinary." – Sir Cecil Beaton (photographer)

"Get excited and enthusiastic about your own dream. This excitement is like a forest fire—you can smell it, taste it, and see it from a mile away." – Denis Waitley (author and speaker)

"Welcome every problem as an opportunity. Each moment is the great challenge, the best thing that ever happened to you. The more difficult the problem, the greater the challenge in working it out." – Grace Speare

DESCRIPTION

The Page of Wands shows a young man holding a long staff in both hands as he looks inquisitively at the green leaves sprouting from the top. His tunic is emblazoned with salamanders, a mythical creature associated with fire and transformation. The Page stands still, with his staff firmly planted on the ground, suggesting that while he is inspired by the potential growth represented by the sprouting staff, he has not yet taken action on this inspiration.

In the background, the landscape is barren and mountainous, implying that this Page has the gift of being able to find growth and potential in the most unlikely places. He is so energised by his ideas that he can make anything happen and isn't limited by his circumstances.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

With the Page of Wands, you are inclined to give anything and everything a go. You embrace the opportunity to start out on a new journey or project and see where it takes you. You do not necessarily have a solid plan in place, nor do you really know where you are headed, but you are excited about the possibilities.

You have a gift for dreaming up new creative ideas unfettered by the burdens of everyday life. Nothing will get in the way of your dreams!

And while the appearance of the Page of Wands indicates that you are experiencing creative restlessness, notice that the Page is standing still and his staff is firmly planted on the ground – he is not going anywhere just yet. You still need to take your creative spark and ground it down into reality so that it is ready to be implemented in the physical realm. You may need to map out your strategy, or you may need to test your ideas or create a few experiments before committing. It could be helpful to run your thoughts through a filter so that you only act on those most aligned with your broader goals.

The Page of Wands can appear when a spiritual path or journey may be calling you. You have a curious mind and are intrigued to see where this call might lead. While you are very much the novice when it comes to this spiritual endeavour, you are open to the experience and keen to discover new levels of consciousness. You may benefit from working with a wise mentor, someone who has walked your path before and can now lead you forward.

Career, Work and Finances

In a work-related reading, the Page of Wands shows you have a thirst for knowledge, learning new things and exploring new territories. Everywhere you look, you see opportunities to expand your knowledge and expertise and to grow your horizons. The more you learn, the more options you have. If you are not already engaged in some form of learning and development, the Page of Wands asks you to look for ways to embark in a new direction. Now is an excellent time to start a new creative project, whether writing a new book or beginning a new course. You may feel a little out of your depth because you are in a new field, but it will be motivating and inspirational for you.

The Page of Wands may also suggest that you are working with a bright, young individual new to the industry or the working world. While you can see he or she does not bring experience

or depth of knowledge, you recognise the value in this person's ideas, and you believe you can benefit from his or her inspiration. The key is to maximise that enthusiasm by encouraging this Page rather than stifling them.

In a career-related reading, the Page of Wands encourages you to consider a new career path or to develop a unique skill set. Even if you are highly experienced in one area, now is the time to branch out and try something different. If you are looking for work, this card can also be a positive sign that the right opportunity is close. You may also be enticed into supporting a start-up or new business.

In a financial reading, the Page of Wands denotes your enthusiasm to invest in a new area. However, make sure you do your homework before rushing into a financial opportunity to ensure that it will deliver long-term results.

Personality Types

Page of Wands personalities often have a vivid and childlike imagination, though they may neither realise it nor know how to develop it for creative purposes. These are people who hold a fresh outlook, a thirst for new ideas and a passion for life. They are visionary, innovative, courageous and enthusiastic, and are not afraid to venture out into the world in pursuit of a unique opportunity. The Page of Wands welcomes change and is often seen as a change agent or catalyst. He is also a faithful lover with almost unlimited passion and enthusiasm.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, the Page of Wands is a tremendously positive sign. This card shows you are eager to make a fresh start with a new relationship. You are seeking an inspiring and motivating partnership, one that will bring you a renewed sense of energy and vitality and continue to grow and develop you personally. You are looking to make a fresh start. That is, you had relationships in the past that did not serve you well, so you want to try something completely different now. You are also open to exploring new avenues to finding love, and you are willing to try new things. There may be an opportunity coming up when you will go on a journey of self-exploration and discovery, and this will be an opportune time to meet someone new. You may not be expecting to meet someone, but they seem to pop into your life out of the blue. And often, this person will be younger than you with a lot of energy and passion!

In an established relationship, the Page of Wands suggests that you are looking forward to future growth and development of the relationship. You sense a lot of potential for the future together but, with this being a Page, you are starkly aware that you are only at the start of that journey and a lot needs to happen before you can be lifelong partners. Nonetheless, you are willing to take that leap of faith and give this relationship all you have.

If your relationship is struggling, the Page of Wands can reflect a need to adopt a new mindset and start in a new direction with this relationship. Watch how things change as you

adopt a much more positive mindset and a renewed sense of energy and hope regarding the relationship. Have faith!

Spirituality

In a spiritual reading, the Page of Wands shows that you are starting a journey of self-discovery and exploration. You have an open mind and are eager to learn new things about who you are and what life means to you.

Well-being and Health

Health-wise, the Page of Wands suggests that you may be eager to start a new health regimen or try a new approach. You are an avid learner and enjoy embarking on new journeys. Use this Page's energy to improve your health and well-being by trying whatever you can to bring about that change.

Journaling Prompts

- What inspires me?
- What could I create if I had no limitations?
- What new spiritual journey am I undertaking?

Suggested Card Combinations

Page of Wands + Fool – You are starting out on a journey of self-discovery and exploration, filled with new beginnings.

Page of Wands + Empress – You found a way to express your creativity through your appreciation of nature and its beauty.

Page of Wands + Temperance – You can bring together the energy and enthusiasm of the Page and temper it with the balancing, calming energy of the Temperance card.

Page of Wands + Seven of Pentacles – You have both the energy and passion of the Page combined with the long-term view of the Seven of Pentacles, bringing about sustainable success.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The Page of Wands reversed suggests that you can feel the stirrings of something new emerging within you, but you don't know how to turn it into action. You may have the seed of an idea or a general sense that something new is coming, but you are yet to express it in the world. You do not need to take action yet – in fact, doing so may be detrimental since this idea is very much in the early stages of formation. Just 'play' with the idea and let it grow, develop and blossom into what it wants to be. Do not force it; sit in the creative void and allow it to open up to you.

On the other hand, the Page of Wands reversed can mean that you tried many new ventures or projects, but these have not turned out as you had hoped. You may have had the dream to start a new hobby or project with the view that it would lead to something bigger, but you realise that you took the wrong approach and it isn't pointing to the growth and development you had expected. The Page of Wands reversed invites you to reconnect with your original vision or idea and look for alternative ways to express it. Just because you didn't succeed the first time, it doesn't mean that the concept is wrong; it may merely be the execution that is out of alignment. Instead, choose another way to express the idea, and be prepared to redefine your path to stay in alignment with your personal growth goals.

The Page of Wands reversed can indicate that your eagerness to start something new has been hampered by complexities, obstacles and opposition, which has resulted in a lack of motivation and indecisiveness about your path forward. You may also worry about whether you can get your project or idea up and running, or if you are just going to be weighed down by more responsibility and troubles. You may be allowing limiting beliefs and inner fears and anxieties to get in the way of achieving your dreams.

Finally, the reversed Page of Wands may also appear when you are seeking out a new path of personal and spiritual discovery. As it is likely to be an intense spiritual path, you are choosing to keep this journey private. You know, too, that inspiration and understanding comes from within, rather than looking to others for the answers.

Suggested Card Combinations

Page of Wands reversed + Eight of Cups – You have come to accept that you are better off walking away from a failed creative project or relationship than trying to resurrect it.

Page of Wands reversed + Three of Pentacles reversed – You have to work with an inexperienced and sometimes lazy individual who is hurting your productivity.

KNIGHT OF WANDS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Energy, passion, inspired action, adventure, impulsiveness.

Reversed: Passion project, haste, scattered energy, delays, frustration.

QUOTES

"Risk is essential. There is not growth of inspiration in staying within what is safe and comfortable. Once you find out what you do best, why not try something else?" – Alex Noble (artist)

"Live daringly, boldly, fearlessly. Taste the relish to be found in competition—in having put forth the best within you." – Henry J. Kaiser (industrialist)

"The road to happiness lies in two simple principles: find what it is that interests you and that you can do well, and when you find it put your whole soul into it—every bit of energy and ambition and natural ability you have." – John D. Rockefeller III (philanthropist)

DESCRIPTION

The Knight of Wands sits on his horse in full armour, wearing a yellow robe decorated with salamanders (associated with the element of fire), and a helmet with fiery red plumes flowing behind him. He holds a sprouting wand in his right hand, which symbolises his energy and enthusiasm for his mission. His horse rises up on its hind legs, poised and ready for action. Like all the Wands Court Cards, the background is hot, dry and barren, with mountains soaring in the distance.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

While the Page of Wands marks the initial spark of a new idea, the Knight of Wands shows the actual pursuit of that idea. When this card appears in a Tarot reading, you are charged up with energy, passion, motivation, and enthusiasm, and you channel that energy through your inspired action. You have a clear vision about what you want to create and, fuelled by your passion and inspiration, you are now moving forward with leaps and bounds to turn your vision into reality. This card is your sign to go for it!

You are bold and courageous and willing to venture into unknown territories to further your mission and your dreams. You don't really care if danger lies ahead – in fact, if it does, then it becomes all the more exciting and thrilling for you. Adventures like this light you up because you know growth and expansion are waiting on the other side. Be a pioneer and take calculated risks to reach new heights.

In this light, the Knight of Wands gives you the feeling you can take on the world! You are so committed to your vision and purpose that you will stop at nothing to bring it to life. As you pursue your goals, your confidence skyrockets, and you realise that your potential is limitless. You can do anything!

Your passion, enthusiasm, courage and confidence are highly attractive to others. Others see you as highly charismatic and want to be in your presence to benefit from your energy. While you haven't yet mastered the art of bringing others along on your journey, like the King of Wands has, you do enjoy the extra attention that your charisma and adventures bring you. The question will be whether others can keep up with you, or if they are merely here to watch and absorb your energy by osmosis.

Be mindful that the Knight of Wands can express himself as an 'act first, think later' type of person. In your pursuit of action, you may be impulsive and impatient, expecting everything to be done yesterday. While you are bursting with energy, you have a tendency to rush into things with little consideration for the consequences of your actions. You may not have a clear plan of attack, hurting your chances of long-term success. If this resonates, find a way to focus your enthusiasm on the activities that will move you closer to your goal. When you have a new idea, rather than acting on it straight away, take a moment to check in and see if it truly aligns with your goals and whether it needs to happen right now. You may realise that you are better served by waiting for the opportune time to pursue this idea, especially if other 'waiting' cards, such as the Hanged Man or Four of Swords, come up in your reading. Or, you may realise that the time is now, and you can charge ahead with high energy and vibrancy.

Career, Work and Finances

In a work-related reading, the Knight of Wands encourages you to take swift action and to turn your ideas into something real. You have great energy behind you, so channel productively to push a project through or persist in what has been a challenging task to date. You may also find you are more ambitious than usual, aiming to impress your superiors and to achieve high levels of performance. If you already have a few runs on the board, this may be a good time to ask for a raise or a bonus.

Alternatively, you may encounter a Knight of Wands in your work. Again, this is someone who is action-oriented, ambitious and courageous. He or she may be a welcome appearance, particularly if you need something done quickly, or this Knight could be an annoying distraction as he or she is stubborn and wants everything done yesterday.

If you are searching for work, then the Knight of Wands encourages you to take quick action and to do everything you can to find the right job. Now is not a time to sit back and wait for the right opportunity to appear. Instead, you will need to put yourself out there and actively seek new opportunities. Provided your prospective employer is not threatened by your high energy levels, you should do well to secure a job soon.

In a career-related reading, this card implies that you are at the peak of your career progression. You have enough experience behind you, but you have not been in the industry long enough to lose your passion. So, it is best to keep at it and show others you are serious about your career. You may be suited to a competitive and achievement-oriented environment focused on high performance.

In a financial reading, the Knight of Wands can suggest that you are aggressively seeking out new opportunities to improve your finances. However, be mindful of impulsiveness or hasty decisions.

Personality Types

The Knight of Wands personality is highly energetic, passionate, spontaneous, action-oriented and ambitious. Once he has his mind set on a goal, he will do everything possible to achieve it. This person is also likely to make a quick entry into your life, save the day, then move on to the next challenge or adventure. He cannot stand to stay in one place for long as there is always more to do and to achieve.

As a romantic partner, the Knight of Wands is sexually driven and very passionate. He is sexy, seductive, charming and attractive, and is likely to woo you and sweep you off your feet, leaving you feeling great about yourself.

Relationships and Love

The Knight of Wands is a highly sexual and energetic character who embraces life and makes the most of its dynamic energy. He likes to flirt and impress and often provides a great time in terms of spontaneity, fun and a bit of romance (or, perhaps more to the point, sex!). He may not be a long-term partner, but he is what you need for new action in your love life.

If you are looking for love, then the Knight of Wands suggests that you will soon meet a highly charged attractive partner full of energy and who loves to flirt. He or she could be a younger person keen for a bit of 'play time' and will thrive in the chase of winning you over. This is likely to result in a passionate encounter or even a short-term affair. You can let your hair down and enjoy some 'no strings attached' fun.

In an established relationship, the Knight of Wands reflects the sexual chemistry that exists between you. Alternatively, it may be something you need more of in the relationship. Open your mind up to different ways of connecting with each other on a sexual level and do not be afraid to explore new territories. This card may sometimes reveal another person who has arrived on the scene and is incredibly enticing. Look to other cards in the reading to confirm this.

Spirituality

In a spiritual reading, the Knight of Wands suggests that you are willing to take risks to accomplish your mission of spiritual growth. You will be enthusiastic about exploring new spiritual belief systems with great fervour. However, be mindful that you do not get too carried away and end up brainwashed. Allow yourself some time to let it sink in before fully committing to it.

Well-being and Health

In a health reading, the Knight of Wands can suggest that you may be prone to injury during high-intensity activities, such as sprains or falls while exercising. That said, the Knight of Wands encourages you to remain active and exercise regularly to maintain your energy levels.

Journaling Prompts

- What fires you up?
- Where are you taking inspired action?
- What is your mission?

Suggested Card Combinations

Knight of Wands + Two of Cups – Your relationship will benefit from both an emotional and sexual connection.

Knight of Wands + Ten of Pentacles – You have the drive and ambition to make it all the way to the top in your career and to earn huge amounts of money.

Knight of Wands + Five of Swords – Be careful that you do not intimidate others with your drive and ambition and get them off-side.

Knight of Wands + Seven of Swords – You may be involved in a fiery and passionate affair, hoping that no one will find out.

Knight of Wands + Eight of Wands – The pace of life is moving very quickly, and you cannot avoid getting involved.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The Knight of Wands reversed may appear when you are actively pursuing a personal passion project or hobby. A fire has been lit within you, and now you are doing everything to move this passion project forward. You have no intention of turning it into a raging success – it is simply for you to enjoy and channel your energy into. For example, you may learn to read Tarot purely because you have an interest in this beautiful, spiritual tool, rather than wanting to become a world-renowned Tarot reader. You are pursuing this passion project with all of your heart because it genuinely lights you up inside.

The Knight of Wands reversed can signal that you are experiencing a considerable build-up of energy but are unsure about how to channel it into the world effectively. You may have a creative restlessness, knowing that you are destined for something 'big', but you are restricted from taking action right now. Perhaps there are frustrating delays, insurmountable obstacles or people standing in your way. The tension from within is palpable, and you desperately need to release this creative energy. Look at alternative ways to pursue your passion or manifest your vision. You may need to adjust your path somewhat while staying true to your original idea.

Conversely, the reversed Knight of Wands suggests that you may be acting impulsively, trying to accomplish everything at once. You are rushing from one task to the other, without focusing on the details or ensuring sustainable success. This may appear to work in the short-term, but long-term you could end up burning yourself out or falling short of your goals. Slow down and know that you don't need to do everything at once.

The Knight of Wands reversed also suggests that you are at risk of acting impulsively, doing or saying things that you may later regret. You want everything to be 'fixed' straight away, but

you do not allow yourself the time to think through what is best for you. Be careful, too, that you are not reacting instantly to everything that happens. Give your circumstances some space and time before you take action. You may also find yourself feeling frustrated that factors beyond your control are impacting your situation. Again, remind yourself that there will be things that you can control and change as you want to – you just have to find them.

Suggested Card Combinations

Knight of Wands reversed + Seven of Cups – You have so many ideas and options running through your head that you struggle to focus on just one or two and bring these to fruition.

Knight of Wands reversed + Four of Swords – You need to pause and contemplate your path forward before you take further action. Meditation and a calm mind will help you to see where you need to go next.

QUEEN OF WANDS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Courage, confidence, independence, social butterfly, determination.

Reversed: Self-respect, self-confidence, introverted, re-establish sense of self.

QUOTES

"Character contributes to beauty. It fortifies a woman as her youth fades. A mode of conduct, a standard of courage, discipline, fortitude and integrity can do a great deal to make a woman beautiful." – Jacqueline Bisset (actress)

"I've always thought that people need to feel good about themselves and I see my role as offering support to them, to provide some light along the way." – Diana, Princess of Wales

"Enthusiasm is one of the most powerful engines of success
When you do a thing, do it with all your might. Put your whole soul into it. Stamp it with your own personality. Be active, be energetic, be enthusiastic and faithful, and you will accomplish your objective. Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." – Ralph Waldo Emerson (poet and philosopher)

DESCRIPTION

The Queen of Wands sits upon a throne decorated with lions facing opposing directions, a symbol of fire and strength. In her left hand, on her crown and behind her are sunflowers, symbolising life, fertility, joy and satisfaction, and her right hand holds a wand with one small sprout springing to life. A black cat sits at her feet, a sign that while this Queen is bold and outgoing she is also in touch with her shadow self – the darker, lesser-known side of her being.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The Queen of Wands reminds you that you are upbeat, courageous, and determined. You are here to see through your creative visions and life purpose, even in the face of adversity and challenge. Highly self-actualised and self-aware, you know how to best channel your strengths and weaknesses to achieve your goals. You are optimistic and full of ideas to share with others. You know what you want and how to get it, and are masterful at engaging with others to achieve your goals. Stay fiercely determined and focused on your goals while being friendly and optimistic with those around you.

The Queen of Wands asks you to be bold in your undertakings and actions. Don't be afraid to own your real power and put it out into the world. You have so much to offer – so shine your light bright! Believe in yourself and what you stand for, and don't be afraid to speak up and be heard. No one will silence you.

Ever the social butterfly, the Queen of Wands suggests that you lead a busy life, making connections with others and putting yourself out there as you pursue your creative vision. You radiate health and vitality, and your inner vibrancy fills you with energy and inspiration – a natural-born, intelligent leader who actively inspires others. You can be quite the 'mover and shaker,' influencing others through your vision, courage and determination. You instil confidence in others, and you give them the power and self-assurance that they can achieve anything they set their mind to.

The Queen of Wands also shows you are expressing yourself fully in your external world and enjoy being the centre of attention. You create a powerful first impression and can quickly win others over with your sweet, warm and charming nature. Now is the perfect time to put yourself out there and meet new people or create a community of like-minded people. They will be drawn in by your energy, passion and enthusiasm, and together you can create positive change in the world.

Finally, the Queen of Wands encourages you to get to know your shadow self, the lesser-known and sometimes darker side of who you really are. This doesn't necessarily need to be a negative aspect of yourself, but could be something that most people don't know about you... yet! It may be your dark sense of humour, a secret life from your past, or a passion project you've kept hidden away. While you may want to protect this part of yourself, the Queen of Wands encourages you to express this side more openly with others – don't be afraid to show your shadow now and then. It will enable you to connect with others on a deeper level.

Career, Work and Finances

In a work-related reading, the Queen of Wands suggests you have an opportunity to shine and show others how inspiring and confident you can be. Leave fear and worry behind you and instead focus on achieving your goals with positivity and determination. Bring others along with you and always focus on providing positive reinforcement rather than criticism. Alternatively, this Queen may represent someone with whom you are working or a close mentor or boss. This is an exciting person to work with because her energy is abundant and she will make you feel good about your achievements.

As a career card, the Queen of Wands suggests that you may aspire to be an actress, a singer or entertainer. You may also enjoy a highly people-oriented role with a leadership component to it, such as a general manager, human resource manager, motivational speaker or life coach.

In a finance reading, the Queen of Wands brings positive energy and assures you that your financial situation is in check. You may even consider starting up your own business in a way that allows you to generate income through your love of dealing with people.

Personality Types

The Queen of Wands personality is warm, sensitive, gentle and faithful, balanced by strength, determination, courage and persistence. This person knows what she wants in life, and she will go after it whenever she gets the opportunity. Such a person cannot be swayed from her goals, no matter how strong the forces opposing her. She is independent but has a lot of friends. In fact, she is almost always the centre of attention of a large group. Her charisma and enthusiasm (as well as her sensuality and sexuality) make her attractive to others.

Relationships and Love

If you are looking for love, the Queen of Wands suggests that you are happy to put yourself out there and dive into the social scene with the hope of finding a potential partner. You are bursting with confidence, warmth and vibrancy and feel so good about yourself that you attract others to you. They cannot get enough of you because you also make them feel good about themselves! So, expect lots of attention and romantic opportunities coming your way. You may also find you build a lot of friendships and connections with people. It does not matter to you if you don't find 'the one', as you are enjoying the social interaction and the new relationships you are making.

In an established relationship, the Queen of Wands is one of my favourite cards because it reflects the warmth and love present in a relationship and shows you can have a deep friendship and a deep romance. This card shows you both enjoying each other's company and having a good time together. There are no expectations, just a general 'glow' and appreciation for what you both offer.

If your relationship is struggling, the Queen of Wands may point out that you have come

to a realisation that you deserve better and going out on your own is not as daunting as you thought. This Queen is an outgoing, confident and extroverted woman who also has a beautiful self-sufficiency about her. She profoundly respects her personal value and will make sure her life is the best it can be. You may sense you cannot be your best in this relationship, so consider going it alone and finding someone more deserving of your attention.

Spirituality

The Queen of Wands shows a sincere appreciation for all things spiritual and beautiful in this world. You are confident as you pursue your spiritual path and may even inspire others because of the pursuits you are undertaking. This is your opportunity to share what you've learned with other people who you know will benefit from your success. You are also more likely to learn more about your spirituality when you are interacting with others, perhaps in a spiritual study group.

Well-being and Health

The Queen of Wands is a sign of good health. Your energy levels and vitality are off the charts, and you are radiant. You may also be more likely to conceive during this time; thus, pregnancy is a possibility for you.

Journaling Prompts

- What helps you feel most radiant?
- How can you authentically express your vision?
- How do you instil confidence in yourself and others?

Suggested Card Combinations

Queen of Wands + Empress – You may be highly fertile at this time and likely to conceive.

Queen of Wands + Queen of Cups – You make an excellent, well-rounded partner as you combine your energy and enthusiasm with your emotional sensitivity and balance. This combination may also reflect a lesbian partnership.

Queen of Wands + Nine of Pentacles – You have reached a stable income level and can now enjoy a life of luxury thanks to your financial successes.

Queen of Wands + Queen of Pentacles – You are an astute businessperson with extensive networks that support your business.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The Queen of Wands reversed shows you have reached a place of self-respect and confidence. You know yourself on a deep level, and you are clear on your personal truth and belief systems. You know what you stand for you and you are not easily moved by the opinions of others. You have also defined what success means to you, even if it differs from others' definitions.

The Queen of Wands reversed can also suggest that you may be more introverted than usual. Instead of being the social butterfly and centre of attention, you prefer to linger on the sidelines and watch what is going on. That's perfectly okay – honour your needs and feelings and don't push yourself to be extroverted and 'out there' when you don't want to be. You may also feel called to spend more time alone so you can connect with your inner self and hear your inner voice.

If you have lacked in confidence, the Queen of Wands reversed invites you to bring your energy and attention inward and focus on rebuilding your sense of self and your resilience. You may have handed your power over to others by paying too much attention to their thoughts and opinions. Now, you need to bring your awareness inward, so you can hear yourself and access your personal strengths and talents. Discover who you are and be courageous in expressing 'you' in everything you do, even if it is different from what others expect of you.

Suggested Card Combinations

Queen of Wands reversed + Star reversed – You lack faith and confidence in your abilities and are now shying away from the public eye.

Queen of Wands reversed + Five of Wands – You may be in a confrontational frame of mind, causing arguments and clashes with those around you.

KING OF WANDS

KEYWORDS

Upright: Natural-born leader, grand visions, long-term success.

Reversed: Poor leadership, aggressive goals, high expectations, personal direction.

QUOTES

"Self-determination has to mean that the leader is your individual gut, and heart, and mind or we're talking about power, again, and its rather well-known impurities. Who is really going to care whether you live or die and who is going to know the most intimate motivation for your laughter and your tears is the only person to be trusted to speak for you and to decide what you will or will not do." – June Jordan (poet and novelist)

"Vision—it reaches beyond the thing that is, into the conception of what can be. Imagination gives you the picture. Vision gives you the impulse to make the picture your own." – Robert Collier (writer and publisher)

"When you are inspired by some great purpose, some extraordinary project, all your thoughts break their bonds. Your mind transcends limitations, your consciousness expands in every direction, and you find yourself in a new, great, and wonderful world. Dormant forces, faculties and talents become alive, and you discover yourself to be a greater person by far than you ever dreamed yourself to be." – Patanjali (philosopher)

DESCRIPTION

The King of Wands sits on his throne, holding a blossoming wand in his hand, a symbol of life and creativity. His throne and cape are decorated with lions and salamanders, both symbols of fire and strength. The salamanders biting their own tails represent infinity and the ongoing

drive to move forward against all obstacles.

UPRIGHT TAROT CARD MEANINGS

General

The King of Wands represents pure fire energy in its masculine form. Unlike the other Wands court cards, the King is not so interested in creation and creativity, or in dreaming up ideas and implementing them himself. Instead, he is more inclined to take an idea and then enlist others to help him actualise it. Thus, when the King of Wands appears in a Tarot reading, it is a sign you are stepping into the role of a visionary leader, ready to direct your people towards a common goal. You have a clear vision of where you want to go, and now you are manifesting that vision with the support of those around you. Others naturally gravitate towards you because you are charismatic, focused, and determined, and they believe in you and your vision. They want to be a part of what you are manifesting and are here to support you one hundred percent of the way. You are also masterful at getting other people to do your work for you while keeping them on-side throughout the process.

The King of Wands reminds you to lead your life with intent, vision and a long-term view. You have a grand idea of what is truly possible, and you will stop at nothing to see it through. Unlike the Knight who can be a little impulsive with his actions, you have the maturity to see your vision through right to the end and beyond. You achieve a lot because you are clear about your future direction and how you will get there – and do not waste your time on activities or relationships you believe will lead nowhere. You never just go with the flow; instead, you prefer to embark on a direct and robust course of action. And you are inspired by long-term, sustainable success, wanting to have a lasting impact. You are here to leave a legacy.

The appearance of the King of Wands also suggests that an opportunity is presenting itself to you, and you now have the power to take on the challenge. You are the determining factor in this situation. If you want it to be successful, it will. And equally, if you do not fully commit to it, this seed will struggle to blossom and grow. You can create any outcome you wish, so be mindful about your intentions and vision. You hold the power.

Career, Work and Finances

If you are looking for work, the King of Wands encourages you to be bold and creative in your approach. Your prospective employers are looking for talented individuals who exude confidence, are natural-born leaders and have the drive and ambition to accomplish major projects. Identify ways in which you can pitch yourself in this light, and you will increase your chances of success. The presence of this King may also signify a mentor or career coach who can help you in your journey and who is more than willing to take you under his wing

and use his networks to find you the right job.

In a work-related reading, the King of Wands suggests that you have assumed a leadership position and now the expectation is you will motivate and empower others to accomplish your goals. Alternatively, you may find yourself working with a very inspiring leader who can bring the best out in you.

In a career reading, the King of Wands is the card of the CEO and business leader, and a visionary who is ambitious, successful and dynamic. This card suggests that you are more inclined to take up a more significant leadership role in your career and be more successful than in the past, maturing and growing into a position that will serve you well for your future. You may also be an entrepreneurial type who gets to the top by taking risks and being the creative visionary.

In a financial reading, the King of Wands can mean you are willing to take calculated risks, leveraging the support of an expert financial team to help you get the best results. Additionally, if you have ever thought about starting your own business or pursuing a potentially lucrative idea, this card can mean that now is a perfect time to begin.

Personality Types

The King of Wands personality is an energetic, charismatic and visionary individual. He may be very entrepreneurial, business-minded and a true leader. This King is a person to whom people are naturally attracted because he radiates confidence and positive energy. He is also very creative, self-expressive, domineering, showy, and a smart risk-taker – a King who has power and influence and knows when to take action. He builds strong networks and creates harmonious relationships, so he is in a strong position to get the job done.

Relationships and Love

Romantically, the King of Wands is attractive, generous and uplifting company. His energy and vitality are very seductive, and he enjoys the intensity of intimacy and sexual passion. He will sweep you off your feet with wine and roses – he knows how to romance people. The problem is he may not hold on to them once he has them, as he is always looking for the bigger, better deal. He reminds me of Mr Big from Sex and the City! So mature, so smooth, so charming, yet often so distracted and quite the womaniser!

If you are looking for love, you may encounter the King of Wands in your search. He indeed shows potential for the long term but only after you have truly captured his attention and won him over. He may be older than you but is not any less sexy or charming. Alternatively, the King of Wands may represent you as you approach new relationships, showing you are drawing on your natural charm and charisma to woo others to you.

In an established relationship, the King of Wands reflects that there is a lot of sexual chemistry in the relationship and a strong and passionate connection. Your partner feels whole with you and wants to be your mentor, guide and teacher in life. He knows he has a lot to share

with you and would like very much to be there by your side.

If you are struggling in a relationship, the King of Wands encourages you to be the 'adult' and remain focused on your goals. You need to maintain a constructive frame of mind and set goals for the relationship for each of you to work on. This King can also represent a mentor, coach or advisor and suggests that it may be beneficial for you to see a psychologist or marriage counsellor at this point.

Spirituality

An inner spiritual change often accompanies the King of Wands. He is a warrior of light who stands up for what matters, and his appearance in a reading is an invitation to follow his lead. He believes there is always room for improvement within the community and takes the lead in creating this positive change. Consider how you can make a lasting impact on the community and improve humanity. Enjoy the King's power and authority but be sure to use it for productive means. Take your responsibilities seriously, think of new ways to do things and never stop believing in yourself.

Well-being and Health

In a health reading, the King of Wands can mean you are enlisting the support of a team of experts to help you with your health. For example, you may have a health coach, personal trainer and nutritionist advising you on how to reach your peak performance.

Journaling Prompts

- If anything were possible, what would I create?
- How can I lead others towards my vision?
- What kind of leader do I want to be known as?

Suggested Card Combinations

King of Wands + Lovers – A profoundly fulfilling relationship with a charismatic and self-assured person that is likely to last for the long term.

King of Wands + Six of Pentacles – You are inspired to bring your talents and leadership skills to the community for more significant benefit.

King of Wands + Ten of Pentacles – Your strong leadership abilities will ensure long-term material success.

King of Wands + Page of Wands – Your ideas and vision are fresh and innovative, successfully bridging the gap between the initial spark of creativity and the drive to see things through to completion.

King of Wands + Three of Wands – Now is an opportune time to consider overseas business ventures or joint enterprises on a global scale.

REVERSED TAROT CARD MEANINGS

The King of Wands reversed suggests that while you are in a leadership position, you are not ready to step into that role. You may be the creative or visionary person in your work, but you have not yet developed a sense of comfort with leading others towards your vision. You may need to work on your leadership skills or enlist the support of someone who has a natural talent at steering others towards a common goal. Alternatively, you may manage others, but are not leading others; you are assigning tasks and monitoring performance, but you are not communicating the vision and engaging your team to take responsibility for bringing the concept to life. You may think you are the only person who can make this vision a reality, even when your team is here to support you.

At times, the reversed King of Wands can be aggressive and even arrogant in the pursuit of his goals. Be mindful that as you strive towards your dream, you are not putting others off-side, dis-empowering them or taking their contributions for granted. You need their support one hundred percent of the way. Also, don't let success get to your head, thinking you're above everyone else just because you are the leader. Consider embracing the concept of 'followership' – the ability to take direction, be part of a team and deliver on what is expected of you, even as the official leader of the group.

On a personal level, the King of Wands reversed warns you against setting unrealistic expectations for yourself and others. While you are highly ambitious, you may be setting yourself up for failure if you set goals that are significantly out of reach and then pushing hard to reach those unattainable goals. You may also be prone to get swept up in the hype of other people's goals to '10x your sales!' or 'create the next billion-dollar business!' You don't have to buy into other people's dreams and visions (and hype). Stay true to what's important to you and keep focused on your personal vision and direction.

Suggested Card Combinations

King of Wands reversed + Ace of Swords reversed – There is an abuse of power, and you are being driven by the selfish goals and manipulation of others.

King of Wands reversed + Eight of Wands reversed – You want swift action, but many obstacles are standing in your way and preventing you from reaching your goals.

BONUS CHAPTER 1: A QUICK-START GUIDE TO TAROT AND NUMEROLOGY

Want to know the secret to learning the Tarot card meanings quickly? Learn the numerological meanings of the numbers from 1 to 10. It will give you a massive head start with reading the Tarot cards. You see, Tarot and numerology go hand-in-hand.

Numerology can be used to interpret a single card or an entire reading. In fact, most traditional Tarot card interpretations already take into account the numerological association. For example, the Ace of Wands is about new beginnings and determination, while the Ten of Swords is about an ending.

Numerology can also be used to reveal the underlying themes within a Tarot reading, by interpreting how many of each number appear in the reading. For example, the presence of three fours in a reading indicates fruition or the manifestation of an idea along with a foundation where things can grow. Or the presence of four Aces could be a sign that there are multiple opportunities and new beginnings coming your way.

THE NUMBERS IN THE MINOR ARCANA

There are 56 Minor Arcana cards in the Tarot deck – 40 numbered cards and 16 Court Cards.

The 40 numbered cards are separated into 4 Suits – Cups, Pentacles, Swords and Wands, with each Suit running from Ace (1) to 10.

An easy way to get to know the 40 numbered cards of the Tarot is to learn basic numerology:

1. (Aces) New beginnings, opportunity, potential
2. Balance, partnership, duality
3. Creativity, groups, growth
4. Structure, stability, manifestation
5. Change, instability, conflict
6. Communication, cooperation, harmony
7. Reflection, assessment, knowledge

8. Mastery, action, accomplishment
9. Fruition, attainment, fulfilment
10. Completion, end of a cycle, renewal

The Court Cards don't officially have a numerological association. However, the Pages loosely relate to the energy of the numbers 1 to 3; the Knights relate to 4 and 5; Queens relate to 6 to 7, and the Kings relate to 8 to 10.

THE NUMBERS IN THE MAJOR ARCANA

The Major Arcana cards also have numerological associations. The Fool is the first card but starts at 0, and the final card is the World (21). Each card in between the Fool and the World has its own numerological association, which means you can apply what you know about the numbers to the Major Arcana Tarot cards.

You don't have to know double-digit numerology either. For now, keep it simple and add together the numbers to interpret the single digit.

For example, the Tower is Card 16 and 1 + 6 = 7. 7 is about assessment and evaluation – an essential aspect of the Tower card. Of course, there's a little more to the Tower card than just assessment and evaluation, but knowing the basic numerology certainly gives you a start in the right direction.

While single-digit numerology can be helpful, it can also help to understand the meanings of the numbers up until 21 to add extra depth to your Tarot card interpretations.

For example, Death is Card 13, and both Death and the number 13 relate to upheaval. 13 is also a Karmic Debt Number, a sign that we need to learn a life lesson to evolve spiritually.

So there you have it – you now have a simple and easy way to interpret the Tarot cards using basic numerology as your guide!

BONUS CHAPTER 2: A QUICK-START GUIDE TO READING WITH REVERSED TAROT CARDS

Now, I know what you might be thinking: 'Why on earth would I want to read with reversed Tarot cards and double the amount of information I need to learn to become a good Tarot reader?'

I get it – I totally do.

But here's the thing. You don't have to learn another 78 Tarot card meanings to master reversed Tarot cards.

You only need to learn the methods that will help you take the upright energy of the card and apply it to the reversed energy of the card. Simple as that.

Here are four of my all-time favourite methods for interpreting reversed Tarot cards. I've chosen these methods because...

- They offer a balanced perspective – not all 'doom and gloom' but not all sugary-sweet either.
- They serve to empower the client.
- They are simple to learn and apply in your readings.
- They work!

These are the exact same methods I use in my personal and professional Tarot readings, and that I teach to my students in my Tarot training courses.

METHOD #1: INTERNALISED ENERGY

At the heart of it, Tarot cards are energy.

Each and every card is an expression of energy in its many different forms. For example, the Empress is an expression of abundance, fertility and the mother energy. When we encounter the Empress in our everyday lives, we might experience her energy as nurturing and taking care of others or successfully bringing a new project to life.

An upright Tarot card represents 'externally expressed energy'. That is, the energy of that Tarot card is expressed outwardly into the world and experienced in your external environment and in your relationships with people and situations.

On the other hand, reversed Tarot cards are internally expressed energy. That is, the energy held within ourselves or that is more private or even secretive.

For example, the upright Empress may represent taking care of others, whereas the reversed Empress may represent taking care of yourself.

To simplify the method, take the upright meaning of the Tarot card, and then add "self" or "private" to the interpretation.

What I love most about this technique is that there is no 'good' or 'bad' message here (unlike the traditional reversed card meanings which focus on the opposite of the upright card meaning). It's merely where the energy is being felt.

This technique can also show where changes need to be made or where action needs to be taken. If your Tarot reading is mostly upright cards, then you know you're dealing with external situations and your relationships with others. If your Tarot reading is mostly reversed cards, then you know you're dealing with yourself, and any required actions or changes need to happen within you first.

METHOD #2: TOO MUCH OR TOO LITTLE ENERGY

Reversed Tarot cards can often point to an imbalance in energy. That is, there is too much or too little of the energy.

Take the Queen of Wands, for example. Upright, she represents a confident person who enjoys social situations. However, what does this look like when there is too much or too little of this energy?

Perhaps she is over-confident and domineering, especially in social settings (too much of the Queen of Wands energy). Or perhaps she is a wall-flower or a 'shrinking violet' when in a room with others (too little of the Queen of Wands energy).

When I'm reading the cards in this way for a client, I'll often pose it as a question. For example, 'What role does confidence in social settings play for you? Do you feel over-confident, or do you lack confidence?'

And, I'll often add, 'How can you make confidence in social settings work for you?' That is, how can you bring this energy back into balance and alignment? (Super empowering, right?!)

METHOD #3: BLOCKED ENERGY

This method is similar to the 'too much or too little' energy, with a slight difference.

Energy can often appear in our lives, but it gets blocked or isn't being expressed in the most constructive way possible.

For example, the reversed Temperance card may indicate that you are seeking out moderation and harmony in your life, but right now, something is blocking you from positively experiencing that energy.

Ask, "What's getting in the way of you achieving moderation and harmony?" That is, identify what is blocking the energy.

Then, ask, "How can you release any blockages associated with moderation and harmony?" Perhaps you need to reconnect with the mantra, 'Everything in moderation.' Maybe you need to pick your battles to create more harmony. Maybe you need to let go of the expectation that there will always be perfect harmony in all things.

To find the answers to these questions, you may just have an open dialogue, or you may pose these questions to the Tarot to see what comes up.

METHOD #4: UPSIDE-DOWN IMAGERY

If a Tarot card appears in the reversed position, look at the imagery of that upside-down card and see what comes to you intuitively.

For example, in the Ten of Swords reversed, it appears as if the swords are falling out of the man's back. Perhaps a pain that has been inflicted in the past is now finally being released, and the client can move forward into a new cycle (especially since this is a Ten – the end of a cycle).

Or in the reversed Page of Pentacles, the coin looks as if it might slip out of the man's hands. His grip is not very tight, and he doesn't seem to be concentrating. Perhaps it is a sign that without the necessary discipline and focus, money is just slipping out of your hands.

This is a particularly powerful technique for interpreting reversed Tarot cards, especially if you're a visual person. The images often create an instant link between your conscious and unconscious mind, helping you to connect with your intuition.

HOW DO YOU KNOW WHICH METHOD TO USE?

Now, with so many different ways to interpret a reversed Tarot card, you're probably scratching your head and wondering, 'How on earth am I going to know which method to use and when?!'

Well, that's why it takes years and years of practice to become a good Tarot reader! Nonetheless, here are a few tips to help you know which method to use:

Mentally agree to use one method only

Tell the Universe prior to a reading how you are choosing to read reversals. For example, 'I am going to interpret all reversals in this reading as blockages.'

This way, the Universe will present your message to you through the most relevant cards, given that you are interpreting them in a certain way.

Go with your gut instinct

Sometimes you just 'know' what the card refers to. Your intuition may be guiding you towards a specific interpretation, or you may be drawn to a combination of interpretations as listed above.

Look at the other cards in the reading

Look for themes across the different cards in the spread you are using. For example, the Four of Cups reversed combined with the Hermit may suggest you are spending too much time alone and have shut off from the world around you. On the other hand, the Four of Cups reversed combined with the Nine of Cups reversed may mean you have lost your connection with your inner self and exterior opportunities are also unfulfilling.

Draw on Your Personal Experience

Sometimes, it really does just come down to experience. For example, I know now that whenever I see the Three of Cups reversed in a relationship reading, nine times out of ten it indicates that there is a third person involved and it is usually the client who is that third person.

To help you build your experience, seek feedback from your clients (and yourself!) to understand how the cards are playing out in real life. Do this not only during or directly after the reading, but also a few weeks or months later. Find out how a particular card came to life for you or your client and understand what it looked and felt like. This may mean being diligent with your own Tarot journaling, or scheduling time in your calendar to follow up with clients.

HOW TO START READING WITH REVERSED TAROT CARDS

Now that you have four simple yet powerful methods for interpreting reversed Tarot cards, let's get you reading with reversals straight away!

If you are reading for someone else, then you first need to decide if you are laying out the Tarot cards to face you or your client.

There's no 'right' answer – simply choose what feels right for you. But, make sure you decide before you start to lay out those cards, so you know what's upright and what's reversed.

My preference? I like to read the cards facing me, and then I'll show the client the cards as I talk about them.

Next, you need to get some reversed cards into your Tarot deck.

My favourite method is to cut the deck into three piles. Turn one pile from top to toe, 180 degrees, so that those upright cards will become reversed cards, and vice versa. Then put all the piles back together and shuffle. Then do the reading.

Or you might prefer to do a 'messy pile' shuffle by spreading the cards out on a table haphazardly and moving them all around before picking them back up into a neat pile.

Or something else! Again, there is no 'right' way of shuffling. Choose what feels best to you.

Now you're ready to rock 'n' roll with reversed cards in your reading.

BONUS CHAPTER 3: A QUICK START GUIDE TO READING TAROT FOR YOURSELF

Now that you know what the cards mean, it's time to do your first Tarot reading!

If you're an absolute beginner, you might start to freak out and think, "But Brigit, I can't do a Tarot reading yet! I've only just started!" Never fear, my dear. You are even more prepared than you realise. In fact, you were ready the moment you thought about the Tarot for the first time. Now it's just a matter of making that thought a reality.

When you begin to do your own Tarot readings, a beautiful thing happens. You see how the Tarot cards come alive. You feel a strengthening connection to your inner wisdom and intuition, and you notice how the Tarot cards support you in opening this relationship. The earlier you start, the sooner you can make these beautiful, intuitive connections.

It's a cycle. The more you read with the cards, the more you learn. And the more you learn, the more you can read with the cards.

So, start now. Let's go!

STEP 1: CLEAR YOUR MIND

You might think a Tarot reading starts when you pick up the cards and shuffle them. But a Tarot reading begins from the moment you decide now is the time to consult the cards.

To create the most intuitive, clear readings for yourself, you need to begin with a clear mind. Here are two (of many) ways you can make that happen:

1. **Take three deep breaths.** On the first exhalation, relax. On the second exhalation, be present. And on the third exhalation, open your mind to receive.

2. **Meditate.** Close your eyes. Pay attention to your breath, feeling the warm air in your nostrils. Observe any thoughts that come to your mind and watch them float away like clouds. Spend another minute in this place of peace before opening your eyes.

Beautiful. You're now ready to begin your reading.

STEP 2: ASK A QUESTION

With a clear mind, ask yourself what you need to know right now.

For example, you're worried about a lack of connection in your relationship with your partner. So you ask, "What do I need to know about my relationship right now?" or "How can I create more connection between my partner and me?"

Or you might wonder if you'll get the promotion you've been dreaming about. So you ask, "What can I do to increase my chances of getting the promotion?" or "What is the energy surrounding this situation?"

Notice how I haven't asked, "Will I get the job?" or "Will my relationship improve?" When you ask these kinds of questions, you're assuming your future is set in stone, and there's little you can do to change it.

Similarly, if you ask, "Should I go for the promotion?" you assume that the Tarot cards will make your decision for you. No, you have free will, and it is up to you to decide.

My Favourite Questions to Ask the Tarot

- To help you stay in this beautiful place of curiosity, empowerment, and manifestation, here are some of my favourite questions to ask the cards:
- What do I need to know about this situation?
- What is the energy surrounding this situation?
- How can I achieve my desired outcome?
- Over time, you'll find your favourites too.
- Once you have your question, write it down, so it's clear in your mind.

STEP 3: SHUFFLE AND LAY OUT THE CARDS

Now you're ready to pick up your cards and shuffle. As you do, channel your energy into the reading and focus on your question.

Then, when you feel ready, lay out the cards for your reading. Lay them side by side, from left to right, face up.

STEP 4: READ THE CARDS AND ANSWER YOUR QUESTION

This is the fun part! Go through each card, from left to right, and interpret what it means for you. Use the techniques you learned to read each card intuitively, writing your insights as you go. And if you need a little extra support, consult your favourite Tarot guide to discover the traditional meaning of the card. Remember, though, only look at the book after you have explored the card intuitively.

Once you have interpreted each card, look at the whole spread as if it were a three-page storybook. What's the story the cards are telling you?

Now go back to your original question and answer it based on what you have explored within the cards.

Write the complete reading in your notebook, including the question you asked, the cards, your interpretations and your answer. Come back to these insights later to reflect and learn from what transpired after the reading.

And, voilà, you're done!

How to Tell the Story in an Entire Reading

Whether you're using a three-card spread or a ten-card spread, it's possible to create meaningful connections and tell the story in an entire reading.

Here's how:

1. Tell the story in each card.
2. Look for meaningful combinations and tell the combined story.
3. Look for key themes and patterns across all the cards in the reading.
4. Pay attention to the balance of Minor and Major Arcana cards, Suits, and Numbers.
5. Look for the Major Arcana cards. What is the story connecting these cards? And how do the other Minor Arcana cards support this story?
6. Bring together what you have discovered and write the story of the reading.

Remember to start small. Begin by telling the story across a three-card reading. As your confidence grows, so can the size of your spreads. Soon you'll be able to read the story within a more complex spread like the ten-card Celtic Cross!

Help!

Do you need help with your reading? Here are a few commons situations that come up when people read the cards for themselves and what to do about them.

My Reading Makes Little Sense!

Sometimes you may find that there are messages in the cards that make little sense. It doesn't mean the reading is wrong. It may just be a sign that you're not ready for the message just yet.

Note down your insights even if you don't understand them. Then come back to your reading in a week or a month to see if it takes on new strength for you. Sometimes events need to unfold further before a reading resonates.

It's Not What I Want to Hear

Sometimes you may receive a message that is challenging to hear. For example, the cards may show that there are deep-seated issues in what you thought was a dreamy relationship.

Go back to why you asked about your relationship. Perhaps your subconscious mind knew something was up, but it's taking your conscious mind a little longer to catch up.

Get curious and open up to exploring whatever comes up in a reading, even the darker shadows. If the cards are showing you something you haven't realised yet, be ready to go deeper and ask what it's all about. Draw more Tarot cards if you need a little more support.

Am I Just Making This Up?

Sometimes you may receive a positive message and wonder if you're just making it up or if it's your intuition doing the talking. (It's funny how we can't always embrace our own success!)

If you do the work up front to clear your mind and connect with your inner wisdom, then your reading will reflect your intuition, rather than your ego. You need to trust yourself and trust that the message is from your Higher Self.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations on making it to the end of The Ultimate Guide to Tarot Card Meanings! Whether you've read every page or flicked through to look up just the cards in your reading, know that you have opened yourself up to the ancient wisdom of the Tarot cards and can now bring this intuitive insight into your life in a powerful way.

But just like the World card in the Tarot, as one journey comes to an end, a new adventure begins. You see, you might have reached the end of this book, but you indeed haven't reached the end of your Tarot journey. In fact, it has only just begun.

The beauty of Tarot is that its wisdom continues to unfold and emerge the more you read Tarot. Your understanding of the cards deepens. And your connection with your intuition grows and develops.

On any given day, different elements of the Tarot cards – be it a symbol, a story, or a suit –will grab your attention or resonate in a new way. That's your intuition talking! And as you begin to explore new decks with unique illustrations, you'll see the Tarot cards open up even more. The Five of Swords in the Rider-Waite deck might speak about conflict with others, but in the Lumina Tarot, in which a moth is hanging by a thread over five upright swords, it might be a sign that you are literally hanging by a thread in a high-risk situation.

Every card you interpret, every reading you do, brings you closer to the true essence of the Tarot cards – and the true essence of YOU.

Learning how to use your Tarot cards is one thing. But understanding how to use them to connect with your intuition and your inner wisdom is another. Your inner wisdom is where the magic happens, where your real power shines through, and you start to create a whole new way of living inspired by your Highest Self and your soul purpose. It's time to tap into it.

Here's the thing – in this book, I've walked you through each and every Tarot card and have shown you what I perceive to be the energy and meaning of each card. But is this the 'be all and end all' of Tarot card meanings? No way!

There are two ways of interpreting the Tarot cards:

1. From the book with traditional meanings
2. From the heart with intuitive meanings

Traditional card meanings do serve a purpose. They connect us to the collective wisdom and history of the Tarot and provide the backbone of what the Tarot cards refer to. You'll find them in Tarot books and websites like my own www.biddytarot.com, and they often link to deeper symbolic and esoteric systems.

Intuitive card meanings serve a different purpose. They connect you to your own inner

wisdom, creating a sense for the card that won't exist in a book but is profound to you. For example, you see the Moon card in a reading about reaching a goal, and you're reminded of the phrase, "Shoot for the moon." You see it as a sign that you'll achieve your goal, and that turns out to be right . . . But you won't find this meaning in a book.

With enough practice, you'll be able to tap into both the traditional and intuitive meanings in a Tarot reading, knowing when to use one or the other. Don't rely on just one method!

If you want to learn more about how to intuitively interpret any Tarot card – without having to memorise all 78 cards – then check out my free training at www.biddytarot.com/webinar-mtcm/.

And of course, I'm here for you – every step of the way on your Tarot journey. Here are a few ways we can continue to work together:

- Free resources to get you started at **www.biddytarot.com/learn-tarot/**
- Tarot guides and courses to boost your Tarot reading confidence at **www.biddytarot.com/shop/**
- The Biddy Tarot Podcast for lovers of Tarot and intuition at **www.biddytarot.com/podcast/**
- The Biddy Tarot Community to develop your skills, practice your readings and meet other modern mystics at **www.biddytarot.com/community**/

We also love sharing our passion for Tarot with our community. You'll find Biddy Tarot on

- Instagram - **www.instagram.com/biddytarot**/
- Facebook - **www.facebook.com/BiddyTarot**
- Pinterest - **www.pinterest.com/biddytarot/**

We share new Tarot spreads, helpful tips on how to read Tarot, and Tarot card combination practice where you get to share your interpretations of 2 randomly selected cards – and see what everyone else saw!

There is so much goodness for you.

You see, when you connect intuitively with the Tarot, you connect with YOURSELF and the Universe, and from there, everything flows.

You'll gain deep insight into your own life and how you can create a positive future for yourself.

You'll have a lasting and positive impact on the people you are here to serve through your Tarot readings.

And you'll be in alignment with your soul purpose and ready to make important decisions to support that purpose.

All of this is possible by connecting with the Tarot cards.

Much love,

LOVE & APPRECIATION FOR MY FAVOURITE TAROT RESOURCES

Here's a shout-out to some of my favourite Tarot resources– ones that have inspired me as I've created this Guide and that I know you will LOVE! And a shout-out to the Tarot decks that continue to be part of my personal journey with Tarot.

My Fave Tarot Resources

Choice Centered Tarot by Gail Fairfield (https://amzn.to/2M7W8uB)

An incredibly clear and simple approach to using the Tarot for personal empowerment and making choices. Gail breaks down the psychological meanings of the Tarot and gives explanations of the imagery that can be easily applied to any deck.

Kait Fowlie Tarot and Reiki by Kait Fowlie (https://www.kaitfowlie.com/major-arcana/)

A fantastic online resource that Kait built as she went through her own 78-day Tarot card challenge (which is a brilliant idea, by the way!). Complete with mantras, descriptions and journal prompts for each card, Kait's site is both education and inspiration.

Kitchen Table Tarot by Melissa Cynova (https://amzn.to/2M7kLYg)

Real life, down-to-earth advice on all things Tarot, this book is like sitting around the kitchen table with your best (super knowledgeable) friends chatting decks, spreads, card meanings and symbols.

Mastering the Tarot by Paul Fenton-Smith (https://amzn.to/2RNb6vb)

This is a wonderful book to reference when taking your Tarot reading from hobby to professional. An absolute classic for good reason.

Modern Tarot by Michelle Tea (https://amzn.to/2M7kLYg)

With unique insight and wicked humour, Modern Tarot is a fascinating journey through the cards that teaches us how to use this tradition to connect with our higher selves.

Tarot for Life by Paul Quinn (https://amzn.to/2VPj4Df)

Truly a guide to using Tarot in all aspects of life, Tarot for Life draws on a variety of traditions to help you tap into your soul and apply Tarot as a lifelong resource.

Tarot Plain & Simple by Anthony Louis (https://amzn.to/2M96zOD)

Tony is a down-to-earth Tarot reader, astrologer and psychiatrist (yes – you read that right!) who has decades of experience helping people connect to their inner wisdom and subconscious mind. Tarot Plain and Simple helps you intuit the card meanings according to context, and removes the complexity and confusion surrounding traditional systems and meanings.

WTF is Tarot? by Bakara Witner (https://amzn.to/2VNTL4p)

A no-nonsense, up-front, "This is what Tarot is really about" guide in an approachable, modern style.

My Fave Tarot Decks

The Children of Litha by Alexandria Huntington (https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/900943650/the-children-of-litha-tarot-deck)

A successfully funded Kickstarter deck with 80 lovingly hand-illustrated cards, featuring mythical creatures, animals and nature-based symbolism.

Chrysalis Tarot by Toney Brooks and Holly Sierra (https://amzn.to/2SNZmWp)

This is a beautiful, unique deck, thematically Rider Waite based but expanding the archetypes and symbolism. The Chrysalis Tarot introduces new archetypes to the Major Arcana, and different names for the Minor Arcana suits. This one is really fun to explore.

Everyday Tarot by Brigit Esselmont & Eleanor Grosch (http://www.everydaytarot.com)

A deck close to my heart, Everyday Tarot brings a new perspective to the cards, giving modern soul-seekers the tools they need to access their inner wisdom and create an inspired life. The cards are slightly smaller than average Tarot cards, fitting perfectly into your palm and purse for easy shuffling and transport.

Gaian Tarot by Joanna Powell (https://amzn.to/2M6bm3h)

This is a beautiful, healing deck with imagery that is easy to read and interpret. It's got a very soulful, earthy, and grounded energy. And the guidebook is one of the best out there.

Lumina Tarot by Inner Hue (https://innerhue.bigcartel.com/product/lumina-tarot)

This gorgeous deck melds animal magick, archetypal energy and symbolism together in potent visual imagery that will support you in accessing your own intuitive abilities. It comes with a 185-page guidebook and offers both yin & yang, light & shadow.

Naked Heart Tarot by Jillian C. Wilde (https://jilliancwilde.com/)

An intuitive deck that encourages you to tap into your spirit guides, animal totems and angels for a deeper connection. The imagery is exquisite and full of magic.